

**Selectboard
Minutes
June 9, 2015**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Peter, Julie, and Tom; Margie and reporter from the Reporter

Leverett Crafts and Arts Preservation Restriction

Mitch Mullholland met with the Board because of the Mass Preservation Projects Funds grant that he has applied for on behalf of the LCA. For the grant the State will require a second preservation restriction (PR) placed on the building and an allowance for the restriction by all mortgagees. Their deed research found that the town holds a mortgage on the building for the CPA grant amount they were awarded in 2010. No one knows why the town has a mortgage for the CPA grant. The board signed a letter stating that they do not have any problem with a second PR being placed on the building and asked Margie to look into the mortgage and see if it can be discharged.

Transfer Station

Ananda met with the Board to address several issues regarding the Transfer Station. Hauling containers for recycling are currently owned by the town and are used by the consortium of towns for one way hauling between towns. Other towns pay approx. \$1,000 a year to participate because the FCSWMD owns the other boxes used by the towns. Leverett will have to decide if we want to buy new containers or pay the yearly fee to participate as our containers get older. We have two other containers for scrap metal and bulky waste that we own and are not part of the consortium. Ananda is looking into a grant with the FCSWMD for a compactor for paper, which will reduce the number of hauls needed for paper. Even if granted, it will cost the town 50% of the cost, which is approximately \$7,500. Ananda was not sure if a container was included in the grant. Scales also were discussed, as current scales no longer work and replacing them would be expensive. Ananda suggested switching from the use of scales and bags to stickers, which can be sold for two size containers, folks can use any bag or container they want and they are much cheaper to buy. The Board agreed with going with stickers when the current supply of bags runs out. Rather than weighing until then, they will charge a flat rate per barrel for those who weigh their trash. Ananda will follow up on several issues and come back to the meeting on the 23rd. Two contracts for FCSWMD were signed: one for hauling and one for MRF operation.

Business:

Minutes to 5/26/15 were accepted. Old executive sessions were also approved. Margie will go through them and separate those that are public from those that are not.

Motion made to appoint a Municipal Information Technology Inventory and Assessment Committee to serve in an advisory capacity to the Selectboard, School Committee and town staff concerning the various municipal facilities' information technology (IT) uses and needs. Members to be Dan Williams, Rob Brooks, Richard Nathorst and George Drake. Voted: 3-0 in favor. Peter drafted a charge that Margie will type up and distribute.

Voted to approve Treasurer's motion for refinancing debt. Voted: 3-0 in favor.

Margie informed the Board that two other towns have voted to start contract negotiations for HCOG's solar project. Leverett could still pursue being a smaller partner.

Margie informed the Board that the residents at 106 Teawaddle Hill Road sent a picture of their water when it was brown. The photo was sent to DEP and ECS who are testing the water on Friday the 12th for possible causes.

Board signed some yearly appointment slips. Margie is trying to cut down on paper by consolidating some departments onto one page.

Julie went over some Personnel Board updates: policies are being overhauled by town counsel under a grant; email policy may end up a Selectboard policy; they are discussing no longer doing evaluations; job descriptions are being reviewed; and training on the new policies is planned.

Marie has solicited prices for doing landfill monitoring for FY 16. She received three proposals, two of which are close. She wants to send them to DEP to see if they see a difference.

Margie gave an update on the Cave Hill/Montague Road intersection request for it to be widened for truck travel. Selectboard supports only doing the minimal amount of work possible. Highway Superintendent should meet with other interested parties and decide what is best/affordable.

Board signed a reserve transfer request for legal services.

Mail was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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