

**Select Board  
Minutes  
May 3, 2016**

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Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Julie, Tom, Lisa, Margie, and Julie for the MR

Discussion of post-Town Meeting. \$430ish was raised for the Tax Relief Committee by volunteers in town donating prepackaged sandwiches, chips and drinks. One center mic for audience might be more effective than running around with 2 cordless mics.

**Motion: To give Jason Nochese a raise to \$36,000 after 6 months of work. Vote: 2-0 in favor.**

**The minutes of April 26 were approved as written.**

Margie reported that the solar panels at the Safety Complex netted about \$3,800 in their first year of operation. Also, Carter Wall, who had been monitoring the panels and selling the SRECs told Margie that she no longer wishes to do this. She gave a suggestion of Rural Aggregators of New England (RANE) as a good option. They will keep 4%. She also suggested that someone monitor the panels remotely. The Select Board thought the Energy Com. or one of the classes at the school might be a good option. The panels should also have maintenance every 2-3 years.

The Town of Shutesbury sent a letter asking if Leverett would be interested in sharing a Police Chief with them and possibly Sunderland. The suggestion was not well-received on the heels of the issues around funding the schools. The board will ask Gary Billings if he has an opinion about a shared chief in the future.

A letter was signed to UMASS concerning participation in ride share programs with a grant. There is an FRTA Advisory Committee that Roy may join.

The ECS contract was signed.

Tow Reserve fund transfers for the Library were signed (\$2,500).

The Tax Relief Committee needs to be re-organized. The Treasurer and Chair of Assessors are both required to be on it along with 3 at-large members. Jason Nochese and Jim Hicks will be asked as regulated members. At large members could be: Shirley Thomas, Judy Hobart, and Don Robinson (current members) Judy Weinthalder would also like to be on it and Dee Ann Civello's history might make her a good candidate. Lisa will call around to gauge interest. The committee will need to come up with policies. Lisa will call area towns to see how they distribute funds.

**Motion: To leave the Select Board organized as it was last year with Peter d'Errico as Chair and Julie Shively as Vice Chair. Vote: 2-0 in favor.**

There was a request for pay for attending Town Meeting made by an employee. This has never been done in the past and there were other employees at Town Meeting that did not ask for pay. Margie will discuss comp time with the individual.

The mail was read.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm

Minutes taken by Lisa Stratford