

**Select Board  
Minutes  
May 31, 2016**

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Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Peter D, Julie S, Tom H, Margie M, Lisa S, Tom M

**Appointment of new School Committee member**

Present from the School Committee: Bethany S, Tara A, Sara D, Audra G

At Annual Town Meeting there was a one-year School Committee position left vacant. Craig Cohen, a Leverett resident and parent volunteered to fill the position.

**Motion: To appoint Craig Cohen to a one-year position to the School Committee. d'Errico aye, Shively aye, Hankinson aye, Dolven aye, Goscenski aye, Acker aye, Seeger aye.**

**Energy Aggregation**

Present from the Energy Committee: Portia W, Brooke and Shirley T, George L, Judith D, Erin from Mass Energy, by phone

The Energy Committee, over the last several months, met with eight energy aggregators looking for a fit for Leverett. They have narrowed down the search to Colonial and Good Energy. A representative from each company was present to give an overview and answer questions.

Mark Cappadona, from Colonial, emphasized the flexibility of his company to trade energy on the market 212 days of the year (a "managed" product) therefore providing the best price. They offer contracts of 6 mos., a year, and two years. Any combination of green or brown energy including RECs are offered at the Town's choosing. Residents could opt in or out anytime or upgrade to a greener option. Most towns serviced by Colonial are in the western part of the state.

John O'Rourke from Good Energy, emphasized his company's relationship with Mass Energy, a Boston-based, nonprofit company whose mission is to make green energy more available and affordable for Massachusetts residents. They are not energy brokers but REC suppliers/buyers. Their interest is in renewable energy for municipal aggregation. Some of the Energy Committee's interest in Good Energy came from their relationship with Mass Energy due to the fact that if enough green energy was purchased through a Leverett aggregation, Leverett residents may be eligible for a tax credit. It was not clear at what percentage this would kick in. Good Energy has an established relationship with Mass Energy whose mission fits the Energy Committee's desires for aggregation in town.

After both reps left the Energy Committee and Select Board came up with a couple of questions. Margie will follow up with Erin about a possible partnership with Mass Energy and Peter will call Mark to ask for specifics about his trading policies.

**Business:**

The minutes of May 17 were approved as written

Lisa updated the board on the Tax Relief Committee. Don Robinson and Shirley Thomas would like to stay on the committee. Judy Hobart said only if she was needed, but Judy Weinthalder wanted desperately to be on so Lisa will thank Judy Hobart for her past service and Judy W. will be appointed. Dee Ann Civello said she would come to the first meeting to provide history. Jason Nochese and Jim Hicks are mandatory members. Julie reported that there is \$6,006 in the fund. Peter would like there to be more publicity in the Newsletter about fundraising for the fund and letting residents know of its existence.

Margie updated the board about the requirements for potential CDBG funding for the Amherst water project, housing rehab, and/or septic system updates. A master document must be created after a survey of all town boards, committees, and departments has been completed stating town-wide goals. The deadline for the application is Dec. 31, 2016.

The old highway garage bid documents should be ready in about a month; bidders will then have a month to respond.

Margie will call the building inspector about zoning issues related to a complaint letter from Clayton Prince about Leesa Crocker's animal housing abutting his property. Margie will also send a copy of the noise bylaw to Clayton.

The Select Board would like Tom Masterton, Terry Allen, Lisa Stratford, and Roy Kimmel to continue attending the "Aging in Place" meetings into the fall.

The mail was read.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 pm