

**Select Board
Minutes
June 14, 2016**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Tom H, Peter d, Julie, S, Margie M, Lisa S, Rob (MR) Documents referred to: Energy Com. report dated June 12, 2016

Leverett Crafts and Arts-Mitch Mulholland

Mitch gave the Select Board an update on the \$25,000 grant for architectural study of the building (with money from the Community Preservation Com., Mass. Historical Society, and donations from LCA patrons). LCA hired the firm Jones-Swittset from Greenfield and Mitch went page-by-page through the documents highlighting the buildings history, condition, and uses over the years. The LCA will apply for a Mass. Historical Society Grant for \$250,000 to make the updates recommended by the initial grant.

Fire Department

John Ingram informed the board that he was applying for an EOPC grant for new radios for the department and that he had put Margie as the Town's contact. **Motion: To authorize Margie McGinnis to sign the grant application. Vote: 3-0 in favor.**

John also informed the board that he has people waiting to join the department and would like to meet with them at a later date to discuss the ideal number of members.

The brush truck needs a transmission and John is in communication with the Capital Planning Committee. The board told John to continue to meet with Cap. Planning but to stay in touch with the Select Board as well. There have been some changes in the schedule that they would like the Capital Planning Com. to be aware of.

William Ingram, John's son, was sworn in as a new fire fighter.

Gary Billings came in to let the board know that the Police Station is set up with a box, bolted to the floor of the Safety Complex, to collect prescription medications to keep them out of the water supply when people flush or wash them down the drain. There is a short list of things not accepted. People can call the station to make a time to drop off or stop if an officer is there. This was advertised in the Newsletter also.

Business:

The board decided not to participate in the FRCOG's multi-agency coordination center.

The cement steps at the back of the town hall need replacing. Margie got a quote from Randy Roberts for \$2,500 for repair or \$5,200 for replacement. The board agreed to repair. Reimbursement of the Town Hall expense for this project may need to STM approval.

The board signed appointment slips.

The wi-fi support letter was signed.

Energy Committee: (also present: Portia W, Ruth W, Cynthia T-K, Brooke and Shirley T, George L, Judith D)

The last time the board met with the Energy Committee it seemed that the committee was split 50-50% about their support of Colonial and Good Energy. In a recent email it seemed that they were 6 out of 7 in support of Good Energy. Peter spent a good deal of time trying to understand what happened in 2 weeks' time and a couple of questions answered from both companies to change their minds.

The Energy Committee felt that the greener the energy they could get the better. This meant using more Class I RECS. Peter reminded the group that both companies offered Class I RECS. The committee also had a desire to "do the right thing" which in their minds was to reinvest in green infrastructure. Peter has a copy of the 2013 warrant article pertaining to municipal aggregation which only stated as its purpose, to reduce energy costs, nothing about green energy. It was mutually agreed that if a green product meets the mandate of price reduction that that would be favorable to offer residents. Peter presented MASS Energy's 990 form which details it's spending and profit numbers. The point being that even though they are a non-profit, someone is making money. Portia stated that the nonprofit status was not a consideration of the committee and asked that it not be discussed further.

After much discussion it was agreed to ask Margie how to proceed with an RFP so that the Select Board could make their decision based on solid numbers not other intangibles. Peter will talk to Margie and the board will meet again with the Energy Committee once results are in. The Energy Committee will need to provide all the information for the RFP.

The mail was read.

Meeting adjourned: 9:40 pm