

**Select Board
Minutes
June 26, 2016**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Julie S., Tom H., Peter d., Margie M., Lisa S., Julie from the MR

Business:

The minutes of July 12 were accepted as written.

The Friends of Leverett Pond had notified the board that the hydro rake was in town working in the pond and did they want the channel cleaned out. Peter authorized by the water level was too low for the rake. Maybe next year.

A couple of members of the Highway Dept. called Tom last week and expressed concern about poison ivy control. They had been working on the road sides cutting brush and had been exposed to a lot of poison ivy over the last weeks. Tom suggested Round Up might be used to spot spray. Julie thought that if the use of chemicals is occurring that residents should be informed by the Highway Dept. as to the schedule just as the utility company does. The board thought a statement could be put up on the website. Lisa will draft a statement and email a draft to board members and David prior to posting.

Margie reported on her and Ananda's meeting with Shutesbury about their residents' occasional use of the Transfer Station (TS). Shutesbury indicated that their main interest is in having bulky waste available to their residents. They do not want to lose customers general/weekly trash pick-up as it generates revenue for Shutesbury. They only have bulky waste disposal twice a year. The Take-It-or-Leave-It Shed also may be of interest. Margie emphasized that Leverett would like a monetary commitment from Shutesbury. They have \$3,000 in a revolving fund that they would be willing to pay. The goal of this is that Ananda would like to have the TS open more hours. Peter wanted to be sure that Ananda is happy with any changes to the running of the TS. Shutesbury suggested that they could begin to market/advertise this possibility to their residents this fall and be ready to try in in January paying Leverett \$1,500 for half of a year. Margie will draft an agreement with an out clause in case it doesn't work.

The Eddy household water softener is failing and needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$3,500. Margie will take the expense out of Landfill Maintenance budget. Additionally she will follow up with Culligan to see how many softeners the town is leasing, if any.

Jim Hawkins reported that Leesa Crocker's fencing is now fine according to Town bylaws. Margie will get a letter from him to give to Leesa and Clayton. An email was received from a Board of Health member stating that 2 women were seen leaving the "mall" near the Coop, which is not a dwelling and was part of the complaint to Jim Hawkins. Peter asked Margie to remind the BoH that they have the ultimate authority in this case and to forward the email to Jim Hawkins as well.

David Finn, new Highway Supt. is due for his 6 mo. review by August 15. The board will conduct the review at a meeting on Friday, August 12, 9:30 am.

The board adopted a new Buy Recycled Policy as recommended by Jan Ameen of the FCSWMD.

DEP certification change was signed for the new paper compactor at the Transfer Station.

The COA grant application was signed for meal, outreach coordinator, and health clinic support.

Margie reported that the electricity bid for the rehab of the Old Highway Garage came in and was significantly below what was estimated. Grace Electric, based in Leverett, bid \$12,222.14. **Motion: To award the electricity bid to Grace Electric. Vote: 3-0 in favor.**

Also, Margie and John had a discussion about sealing the new concrete blocks and wanted the board's opinion about whether or not to tint the sealer. The general feeling was to leave it as similar to the color it is as possible. They will ask the question of the consultant as well. A bill was received from Bob Leet, Structural Engineer would did an evaluation of the building. Board ok'd the bills payment.

A letter was signed to MassHighway concerning the Leverett directional signs from Rt. 116.

A letter was signed to Siemens asking to withdraw from annual M&V obligation.

Motion: To go into executive session to consider the purchase of real estate and not to return to regular session. Shively, aye; Hankinson, aye; d'Errico, aye. 8:02 pm.