

SELECT BOARD MINUTES September 8, 2009

Present: Select Board members Tom Ulrich and Dave DeHerdt
Town Administrator Maryellen Cranston

Approximately 30 residents

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm.

Computer Bids – Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the bid of \$650 from Geoffrey Precourt for the iMAC computer. Vote was unanimous.

Town Hall Clerk – Discussion occurred with Board of Assessor members Rick Chandler and Emma Svoboda and Assessors Clerk Faye Whitney regarding the town hall clerk position, which will support all departments in town hall. Dave expressed concern about how the issue would get resolved if the individual was expected to perform work for the assessors and town clerk at the same time. Maryellen said that the assessor's needs would take priority and that she would cover the front desk. Dave felt the need to establish a definite person for the individual to go to if there were problems. The interview committee will meet on September 17 at 7 pm to decide which applicants to interview.

Department Reports – Police Department Liaison Ken Chow gave a written report to the Select Board. He proceeded to read his credentials for his police work in California. The Board proceeded to question Sgt. Nunez about her unwillingness to meet with Mr. Chow. Dave read from Mr. Chow's report indicating that Sgt. Nunez was less than truthful. Sgt. Nunez read from her logs listing out all the times that she had met with Mr. Chow. She also challenged Mr. Chow regarding her integrity being questioned.

Highway – Tom Poissant reported that the Park restoration would begin the first week of October. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the low bids thru the FRCOG for sand from George D. Judd and Sons at \$8.75/ton delivered and salt from Eastern Minerals at \$73.50/ton delivered. Vote was unanimous.

Emergency Management – Doug Field talked about the various reports that are due the end of September. The Board will decide at the next meeting the leadership succession for the Continuity of Operations Plan.

Minutes – Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Executive Session minutes of August 14. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Executive Session minutes of August 24. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Open Session minutes of August 24. Discussion occurred with Michael Fitzgerald from the Planning Board about paying the Boards clerk out of their budgets if they feel they have the money. The question was asked about utilizing volunteer help to take the minutes and should the Boards charge fees if that is the case. Vote was unanimous.

Additional Complaints – Dave and Tom reported that outside agencies and an arbitrator couldn't be used to hear the remaining complaints. The Board cannot delegate its authority. Dave raised the question about using the services of former Select Board members to investigate the remaining complaints and report their findings back to the Board. Some residents raised concern that these former select board members are no longer elected officials.

The question was asked about increasing John Svoboda's suspension until the remaining complaints can be heard. Dave responded that cannot happen, but they can prioritize the complaints and deal with the critical ones right away.

Fried Dough – The Board agreed that Marion Gray could use the back offices to make the Fried Dough for Fall Festival.

Resignation – Motion was made, and seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Marcia Gray from the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Town Administrator