

SELECT BOARD MINUTES June 14, 2010

Present: Dave DeHerdt, Doug Field, Norm Russell

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

Old Business

Special Town Meeting – The Board reviewed the proposed warrant for the June 30 Special Town Meeting. Discussion occurred regarding which street lights to keep on. The Board felt that there was no reason to keep the light on at Buckland Road. The Board decided to keep the three lights on at Spruce Corner and the one light on at town hall.

The Board wants the town administrator to research why a check was sent to Janice Howes.

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Special Town Meeting warrant. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Appointment List - The Board wants the town administrator to review the list to ensure accuracy. The Board discussed changing the appointment terms for collector, town clerk and treasurer to 1 year to maintain consistency. The Board would like the town administrator to create a form letter that can be mailed out to individuals up for reappointment.

After further research, the Board determined that the town had accepted MGL chapter 48, sections 42-43 in 1967. The Board has the authority to appoint the fire chief. The fire chief in turn appoints the firefighters.

The highway superintendent does not have the authority to appoint, so his name should be on the list as well as the employees.

The police chief's name is not on the list because we have an interim chief who is under contract. His contract expires on June 30. The Board may consider extending his contract until September 30.

Norm will sit with the town administrator to go over the list of appointments for the June 23 meeting.

Town Report – There were errors in the 2009 town report. A correction sheet will need to be made for next year's report.

Windmill Letter – The Board reviewed the proposed letter for a final time. Our state senator, Ben Downing, will be added to the list of recipients. The town administrator will put the letter on town letterhead. Dave will then sign the letter for it to be mailed out.

New Business

Police Chief Search Request – The police chief search committee made a request of the Board to consult town counsel to see if the language is correct for the CORI request form. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the use of town counsel by the police chief search committee. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting Dates – The Board will meet at town hall on June 16 and June 23. The Board will meet after the Special Town Meeting at Sanderson on June 30. The ~~moderator~~ Town Administrator will be asked to contact Phil Pless to see if he will act as the temporary moderator on June 30. Phil will be asked to come to the June 23 select board meeting to review the warrant.

When the finance committee meets to review the warrant, the town administrator will post a joint meeting so that the select board can attend.

Mail

Sonam Lama received a cease and desist order from the Building Inspector. This addresses Richard Masse's concerns from the last meeting.

The Department of Revenue sent a second request for materials to make a payment in lieu of taxes for two parcels. The materials had been previously sent by assessor's clerk, Faye Whitney. She will resend.

Discussion occurred regarding the state's request for the town to adopt a zero tolerance for not using seat belts and traffic violations. The Board decided that it was not for zero tolerance of anything other than sexual harassment.

There are no restrictions on the deed for the highway garage. The town administrator will be asked to investigate if there are restrictions on the USDA grant funding.

Motion was made, and seconded, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing disciplining a town employee. The board will not reconvene in open meeting. Roll call vote: Norm, yes; Doug, yes; Dave, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Town Administrator