

Select Board Minutes March 7, 2012

Present: Select Board members Norman Russell (Chair), Doug Field, Paullette Leukhardt
Interim Executive Administrator Mary Fitz-Gibbon

The meeting is called to order at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election:

Norm Russell thanks the election workers who helped with the Tuesday, March 6 Presidential Primary elections.

Caucus:

The Board signs three copies of the Warrant for Town Caucus scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Legislative Breakfast:

Norm Russell, along with Mary Fitz-Gibbon, Interim Executive Administrator, recently attended a Legislative Breakfast in Buckland. Russell reports that the breakfast was an opportunity to discuss a number of issues with Representative Kulik, an aide to Representative Mark, and Select Board members and Administrators from area towns.

APPOINTMENTS:

Open Space Plan:

Alan Rice, a member of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Committee reports on the status of the Town's Open Space Plan. The 2008 Plan is conditionally approved through July 2013. However, the Plan does need some additional work to address a number of issues raised in the State review. Mr. Rice suggests that the Select Board needs to put someone in charge of shepherding the Plan through the final stage. Peter Flinker of Dodson and Associates will work on a pro bono basis to help the Town complete the work.

Doug Field reports that the Natural Hazards Mitigation Update is ready to be submitted to the State. Mary Praus of FRCOG will submit the plan.

Doug reports that he has been working on updating the Dam Emergency Evacuation Plan.

Council on Aging:

Franklin Wickland requests that the Board accept the written resignation of COA Board member David Gold. After thanking David for his contribution to the Town COA Paullette Leukhardt makes a motion to accept the resignation. The motion is seconded and passes by vote of the Board.

The COA is looking for two new members to join the Board.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Doug Field:

Doug reports on problems with the 2011 highway truck. As diesel vehicles are experiencing particular problems he suggests that the Town may wish to avoid such vehicles in the near future until diesel design issues are worked out.

Paullette Leukhardt:

Paullette has been talking to Town suppliers of propane in an effort to get competitive prices without having to commit to pre-buy contracts. She reports that it will be possible to do so.

FY13 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

Present from the Finance Committee: Janet Rogers and Tom Carter.

Due to a number of unavoidable member conflicts there is not a quorum of the Finance Committee at 7:35 p.m.

The Select Board will review the budgets scheduled for this evening's joint meeting with the two Finance Committee members in attendance.

Assessors:

Mark Graves, Sandy Lilly and Wayne Gardner, Assessors present the FY13 budget. Paul Swem is present with the Assessors to address, in detail, their need for a new computer.

Highway:

Tom Poissant, Highway Department Supervisor presents the FY13 budget and answers questions about a long-term vehicle acquisition schedule. He also presents the budget requests for the Transfer Station and Tree Warden.

The Finance Committee, having been joined by member Tom Schreiber, with a quorum present, opens its meeting and resumes budget reviews in a joint meeting with the Select Board.

The two Boards discuss goals for putting more money into Stabilization as part of the FY13 budget.

The Finance Committee adjourns their meeting at 10:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board Scribe:

Michael Fitzgerald, Chair of the Planning Board requests that the Select Board appoint Brittney Martin as scribe to the Planning Board.

A motion is made, seconded and passes to appoint Ms. Martin to the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Suzanne Corbett and Deborah Nicholson address the Board about their ongoing concerns about conditions at the Ashfield House, LLC. They also express concerns about Board of Health email records. Miss Nicholson will submit a formal request for copies of BOH correspondence regarding the Ashfield House.

Ms. Corbett and Ms. Nicholson request that they be put on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting for the purpose of further discussion of their concerns.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next Select Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7 p.m.

A Pole Hearing for March Road is scheduled for 6:45, Wednesday March 14 at Town Hall. Abutters and interested parties have been notified.

After a motion was made, seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.