

## Select Board Minutes May 3, 2012

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

(All present 7 pm. Short farewell reception for Chair.)

The meeting is called to order at 7:40 p.m.

### APPOINTMENTS

Del Haskins, Fire Chief. Fire Truck Bids.

Chief Haskins reported on the examination of bids (opened at the April 25 Select Board meeting) for the proposed new fire truck.

Pending approved at Annual Town Meeting on May 5, the Fire Department recommends the VTEC proposal for \$145,000. Vermont Fire Technologies (VTEC) is located in Williamstown, Vermont. The second bid, from Fire Tech & Safety of New England Inc., Springfield, Massachusetts, at \$154,875 came in over budget.

### NEW BUSINESS

DOT Agreement.

The Select Board designated Highway Superintendent Tom Poissant authorized signatory for the Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement.

Pole Hearing

The Select Board set the date Wednesday, May 16, 6:45 pm, for a WMECO pole hearing to place four poles on Pleasant Street. The hearing will be held at Town Hall. The poles are needed for better service reliability. Road Supervisor approved the request.

### NEW BUSINESS

FY13 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed a new version of the warrant motions and talking points in preparation for Annual Town Meeting Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board also reviewed and approved a set of pie charts, bar charts and information sheets to be made available at ATM. It is hoped that the informational materials will aid in the discussions of the budget at Town Meeting.

Minutes

The Board reviewed minutes for April 11, 2012. The Board voted to approve the minutes as amended.

#### Website Annual Service Agreement

The Board reviewed the first annual website agreement. The Board agreed to wait till after Town Meeting to sign the agreement as it is a new budget line in FY13.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Paulette Leukhardt

Paulette read a thank you note from the Firefighter's Association to the very generous anonymous donor who has enabled the purchase of four new fire truck tires, seven lengths of much-needed hose and upcoming training for the firefighters.

Doug Field

Doug reported on the receipt of approval of the Town's Emergency Action Plan.

Norman Russell

Norm reported on the award of \$141,000 to the Town of Ashfield for Green Community projects. He thanked the Green Committee members Brian Clark, Mary Quigley and Jen Williams for the hard work and long hours that they have put in to bring the Town to this point.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Suzanne Corbett, Williamsburg Road, thanked Chair Norm Russell for his willingness to listen to all citizens and his responsiveness to their concerns. Mr. Russell responded that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Select Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

After a brief discussion recounting previous Select Board meeting discussions about the possibility of withdrawing from the regional program and hiring a Town Building Inspector a Select Board member made a motion to give notice of intent to withdraw from the FRCOG Building Inspector Program. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 3-0-0.

After a motion was made, seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.