

Selectmen's minutes of meeting June 2, 2014

Members present: Jeffrey Gray, Patrick Barrett, Rosario Messina, Lisa Blackmer  
Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Jeffrey Gray sworn into office by Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko

Board re-organization;

Motion by Patrick, second by Jeff to appoint Rosario as the Clerk of the Selectboard.  
Passed unanimously

Motion by Jeff, second by Rosario to appoint Patrick as the Chair of the Selectboard.  
Passed unanimously

Reviewed and accepted draft letter prepared by Patrick to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs regarding the gas pipeline. Discussed the meeting to be held on June 10, 2014 at 10 a.m. Patrick asked Lisa to reschedule to 11 a.m. so that a Selectmen, himself, could attend the meeting. Patrick will also contact them to do so. The meeting has to be held during the day as they are walking the pipeline path.

Discussed the assessment of the gas pipeline. The Assessors have been working very diligently in gathering information on this issue. They will have documentation by the end of June to early July.

Certificates of appointment for Assistant Town Clerk and election of Town Clerk reviewed and signed.

Motion by Jeff, second by Patrick, passed unanimously to regretfully accept the letter of resignation from Mike Lutynski from the Strategic Planning Comm. The Selectmen thank him for his work.

Discussed appointees to committees and sub-committees. All appointees must be appointed by the Selectboard. The procedure is when there is an opening on a board the person interested sends in a letter of request to the Selectmen to be appointed. The Selectmen need to add this to the agenda in order to vote on it. If there is a resignation, that person also needs to send this to the Selectmen to be placed on the agenda to vote to accept that resignation, this then creates an opening on a board. When creating a sub committee this must also be approved by the Selectmen and appointees to that sub committee must be voted on by the Selectmen. The only board the Selectmen do not vote on is the Finance Committee. They are appointed by the Moderator.

Discussed the request from Nick Fredsall to use his metal detecting device on town property. Permission granted. He is not allowed to remove any time cap cells. Any metals of value will be split with the town. He must restore any digging he does.

Ben Campetti in to discuss the condition of the Sandisfield Center Cemetery. This is the active cemetery on top of Route 57. Ben has been reviewing with other town's rules and regulations and by laws regarding what is allowed on plots. Ben's family has been overseeing the cemetery for many years and are finding that the trees and shrubs people have planted are disrupting and damaging abutting plots. It makes it very difficult to prepare for a burial when tree roots and invasive plants have taken over. He recommends we not allow for the planting of trees and shrubs. He will continue to work with Lisa in gathering rules from surrounding town's and meet with the Selectmen for approval. The Selectmen thanked him for looking into this.

Discussed the water at the cemetery. Ben described the tanks that are there but they need to be filled. Patrick will contact the fire dept. and ask them to fill them.

Dolores and Ben have discussed getting caught up with Veteran's markers at the cemeteries. Ben and Teresa will work together on this over the summer.

Discussed the summer schedule. We will meet every Monday in June. The dates for meeting in July are July 7 & 21, for August, August 11 & 25. Then back to weekly meetings starting Sept. 8, 2014. Rosario reviewed his new work schedule, he will be able to attend 2 meetings, then off for 4. If a situation arises that we only have one selectmen available we will look into rescheduling during that week.

Discussed placing contract negotiations for the Town Admin. on next weeks agenda. Negotiations will be in executive session and the vote to accept the contract will be in open session.

We will have a discussion on the agenda regarding whether it is necessary to re-post the Town Administrator position.

Dolores reviewed budget items. We have very little left in the Town Council account and may need a reserve fund transfer or special town meeting. Reviewed the amount it cost this year for the annual town meeting compared to past years. Lisa will check with town council weekly for updated bills.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Patrick Barrett

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Rosario Messina

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Jeffrey Gray