



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, September 23, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Woodbury, Vice Chair Berthiaume, Clerk Stevens, Members Fritze and Pepe and Administrator Gaudette.

At 6:07 p.m. Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 9th Business Meeting and September 16th Workshop (Pepe / Fritze) passed 4/0; 1 abstained.

Citizen Input

None

Communications

None

Old Business

Action Item: Joint Meeting with East Brookfield Selectmen – Select Moderator for SEBRSD Special District-Wide Meeting

E. Brookfield Board of Selectmen members Larry Gordon and Leo Fayard were present.

Administrator Gaudette reported that with the failure of the school budget override in both Towns, a District-wide meeting must be scheduled. On October 3rd, both Board's will meet with the School Committee to decide on a date.

State Statute requires that a mutually agreed upon moderator be chosen to represent both Towns at the District-wide meeting. Leo Fayard said they are comfortable having Peter Adams, Spencer Town Moderator and suggested the E. Brookfield Moderator serve as Deputy.

Mr. Adams was present and said he is willing to serve as Moderator for both Towns.

A motion to nominate Peter Adams to serve as Moderator (Fritze/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Mr. Stevens suggested having brainstorming sessions with the School Committee to work towards resolving long-range issues.

Mr. Gaudette informed the Board that he was asked by the School District to make the final DPHS Study Capital Assessment payment in FY14. This will prevent the District from having to borrow. The Board will wait to see when a Special Town Meeting will be scheduled.

The Board thanked Mr. Gordon and Mr. Fayard.

New Business

Mr. Woodbury read a thank you letter addressed to the Highway Department from Interim School Superintendent Malvey for their work with moving everything out of Maple St. School.

Discussion: Steve Tyler – Pavement Millings Available for Private Roads

Utilities and Facilities Superintendent Steven Tyler reported that they received an unexpected supply of millings and want to encourage owners and residents of private roads to make use them. The use of road millings will help to improve snow plowing. There is a video on the Town Website explaining key details. Mr. Berthiaume recommended using millings for the O’Gara Park parking lot.

Action Item: Winter Parking Ban

The Board reviewed the proposed parking ban. Mr. Fritze would like to change Summit St. from “no restrictions” to “parking on the odd number side of the street only”.

A motion to approve the Winter Parking Ban with the change to Summit St. to park on odd numbered side of the street only (Berthiaume/Pepe) passed 4/1.

Town Administrator Report

SEBRSD Budget Update – Joint Meeting with District Committee scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7 pm at Wire Village School

Discussed under “Joint Meeting with East Brookfield Selectmen”

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Berthiaume reported that the David Prouty Building Committee voted in favor (with one opposed) to inform MSBA that the project is on hold at this time.

Citizen input

Carl Kwiatkowski, Meadow Rd., suggests holding the District-wide meeting on a Saturday afternoon.

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Pepe:

- Congratulated Spencer Cable Access for a successful food drive.
- Noted that the Leicester-Spencer Eagles donated \$1,000 to the Spencer Rescue Squad.
- Announced the dedication of the Seth Fancher Memorial Bench to be held on October 6th at 1 p.m. at Howe State Park.

Mr. Berthiaume:

- Thanked Royal Crest Farms for donating loam to plant flowers.
- Requests that the School Committee provide the cost of health insurance plans and the number of people enrolled in the District.

Mr. Fritze:

- Reported that the remaining boiler work at Maple St. School is scheduled to be complete on Thursday.

Mr. Pepe

- Noted that the Maple St. School playground is still being used and asked when the “No Trespassing” signs would be installed. Mr. Berthiaume would like to allow it to be used as long as it’s there and wants to know if the Town’s insurance coverage would be in effect.

Mr. Woodbury:

- Thanked Mr. Fritze for his efforts at Maple St. School.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials: