

Minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting of the Spencer Board of Selectman

Members Present: John Stevens, Christopher Woodbury, Ralph Hicks, Gary Woodbury, Anthony Pepe and Town Administrator Adam Gaudette

Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no Citizen Input.

New Business:

Commonwealth of MA DCR Intention to Acquire Land

Mr. Gaudette stated that MA DCR has announced their intention to acquire land off Ash St. adjacent to Spencer State Forest in Spencer.

Gary Woodbury stated that he had spoken with the owner and that the land was originally slated to be sold for house lots. Ralph Hicks questioned if this would qualify for Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Mr. Gaudette stated that it would qualify. Mr. Stevens stated that it was good to put pieces together and asked to have the state come out and talk about Howe State Park and other projects they are working on.

A motion was made to waive the 120-day notice period was made by Christopher Woodbury and seconded by Ralph Hicks and the vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Gaudette explained the preparations are being made for the Annual Town Meeting and asked if Board Members had any articles they wished to make at the ATM.

Mr. Stevens reminded Board Members to submit Mr. Gaudette's annual evaluation forms to him so he can complete his annual review.

Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Pepe spoke about the spring clean up at Issac Prouty Park and indicated that the Exchange Club is weeding and seeding the park.

Mr. Stevens said he intends to invite the Parks and Recreation Commission to a Select Board Meeting in May to discuss Luther Hill Park.

Mr. Pepe praised the Little League Parade and Ceremony.

Mr. Stevens asked the public to continue supporting the merchants and restaurants that are affected by the Main St. construction.

Executive Session

Dr. Hicks made a motion Seconded by Christopher Woodbury to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining with the Spencer Police Association under Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶3 with the Board not reconvening in Open Session following the Executive Session: Roll Call Vote: Pepe – Aye, G. Woodbury – Aye, Stevens – Aye, C. Woodbury – Aye, Hicks – Aye.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ralph Hicks and seconded by Anthony Pepe at 6:27 pm passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ralph Hicks
Clerk

Referenced Materials

MADCR Package Related to acquisition