



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: May 8, 2017 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room A, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Stevens, Vice Chair C. Woodbury, Clerk Hicks, Member G. Woodbury and Administrator Gaudette were present.
Selectmen Pepe participated remotely.

At 6:03 p.m. Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement

Any members that are participating remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law

Vice Chair Woodbury announced that Selectmen Pepe will participate remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law.

Meeting Minutes

Vote to approve the Business Meeting and Executive Session of April 10, 2017

A motion to approve the Business Meeting and Executive Session of April 10, 2017 (Hicks/C. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Communications:

None

Citizen Input

None

New Business:

Discussion: Sugden Block – Coordinating Building Sewer Repair with the Main Street Construction Project

This item will be discussed at the next meeting when Steve Tyler is available.

Old Business

Policy Adoption: Police Department Evidence/Property

The policy was previously reviewed by the Board. Chief Darrin clarified the language.

A motion to approve the Police Department Evidence/Property Policy as presented (G. Woodbury/Hicks) passed 5/0.

Discussion: Finalize Town Administrator Review

The Board completed their performance review forms for Administrator Gaudette. Mr. Stevens and Mr. C. Woodbury met with him to review the scores, which were above average, with several categories in the outstanding category.

Mr. Stevens noted that the Town is fortunate to have such a highly regarded Administrator. The overall score was a 3.7 on a scale of 1 to 4.

Mr. Pepe said Mr. Gaudette is an asset to the Town and the Board and looks forward to another year of working together to make improvements. The Board agreed with the sentiment.

Mr. Gaudette said it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Town and noted that teamwork is what allows him to be successful in this position.

Town Administrator's Report

Annual Town Meeting Follow-up

Mr. Gaudette noted that Town Meeting went well with all 30 Articles passing. The Election will determine the outcome of Ballot Question for recreational sale of marijuana.

Board Liaison Reports

Dr. Hicks attended a SEBRSDC capital meeting and mentioned that they will be bringing a request for the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Stevens noted that Parks & Rec will focus on opening Luther Hill Park next summer. He also mentioned that the DPHS has student artwork on display at the Town Hall and the plan is to add more in the future.

Mr. Pepe has a schedule conflict with the Finance Committee meeting date. Mr. Gaudette will reach out to the Chair to determine if the date can be changed.

Citizen Input

Mr. Kwiatkowski, Meadow Rd., asked if the police cruisers are checked for any items left behind at the end of each day. Mr. Gaudette will check and report back.

Al Atchue Meadow Rd., thanked Mr. Gaudette for his efforts on behalf of the Town and wanted him to know that the people in Spencer appreciate the work he is doing.

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Stevens said the Barnstorm event had a good crowd and that street closure worked out with the police details.

Dr. Hicks noted the crowd was well behaved, though some neighbors were bothered by the noise.

Request for Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for the Police Unit

Mr. Gaudette asked the Board to postpone this discussion until next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials
Police Department Evidence/Property
Town Administrator Review