

Minutes of August 22, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 5:35 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of August 8th were approved as amended. Mr. Davis abstained from voting.

Scott Farrell, Chief of Police, appeared before the Board to review and discuss the full time officer benefits, i.e. vacation, and sick time. After discussion it was decided to bring this matter up at the next Board of Selectmen meeting for further discussion. Mr. Farrell also advised that the cruiser needs new struts, rear brakes, and a new front seat, an estimate for repairs would be about \$5,000.00, but could be higher. Mr. Farrell advised to get a few more quotes and come back to the Board for further review.

New Marlborough Fire & Rescue members, Maureen Guidi, Joe Krejci, & Neil Crawford appeared before the Board to discuss the account balance of Comstar. Ms. Guidi stated that there appears to be a difference in the records she keeps compared to the records the Town keeps and asked why is there a difference? Ms. White responded to all the questions asked and states that she will review the receipts on file. The Rescue Squad also inquired if the carryover that was requested was done. Ms. White advised that that carryover was completed.

The Chair submitted an updates on the following:

Hatchery Road – email was received from Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering, stating that a plan is being submitted and he is still working with US Fisheries & Wildlife regarding some issues with this project. DEP has spoken to Fisheries & Wildlife and he is hoping that Fisheries & Wildlife will approve the plan.

The Board received a letter from residents who live on the section of Hadsell Street which was previously named Umpachene Road. They are requesting that the name for that section be changed back to Umpachene Road. The Board will check with Town Counsel regarding the matter and discuss the matter further at their September 12th meeting.

The Board received a letter from Sheldon regarding his property on County Road where the culvert goes across his field. Mr. Sheldon would like a response back regarding this situation. The Board will research the matter and see if there is a written easement and discuss this further at their next meeting.

The Board reviewed a draft regarding the Berkshire Public Alliance agreement between Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Boards of Health. A motion was made, seconded and so voted (2-0) to accept in principal the draft proposal of Berkshire Public Alliance. Mr. Davis abstained from voting.

The Board received a letter from Cheryl Luft regarding the Town Park at Umpachene Falls. Ms. Luft would like to see the park be a no smoking park and for town residents only. The Board will forward this letter to the Umpachene Parks Commission for their review and comment.

The Chair advised that they are still waiting for an estimate of the cost to put in a door with handicap access at the back of the Town Hall.

School Issues: It was noted that there was a meeting held on August 18th at the school regarding a bond. The School Committee has proposed a bond in the amount of 1.3 million, which is lower than the previous amount voted on in May. It was the consensus of all town representatives present that the bond would not pass since all five towns need to pass a bond. It was noted that there is a possibility of closing all outlying schools in the district. All five towns will review this issue, but this Board at this time is not endorsing the closing of New Marlborough Central School. It was also noted that the School Committee had advised that New Marlborough School would cost one million dollars to be in compliance.

The Board informed the public that they will not be cutting any budgets at this time and if they need to make any cuts they will speak with the department heads before any decisions are made.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposal in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Allied Recycling Equipment for a new compactor for recyclables at the Transfer Station. Mr. Davis advised that the compactor would need to be protected from the weather and that is not included in the quoted price. Mr. Davis also believes that Mr. Alvin Stalker should be involved in this decision since he is the one who works up at the Transfer Station. It was also noted that ECO Waste damaged the compactor container and has never fixed it properly. The Board would like Town Counsel to review this issue.

The Board reviewed and discussed the recommendations by the Town Clerk for the appointments of the Board of Registrars. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Tammy Lane for a term of 1 year, Marsha Pshenishny for a 2 year term and Bette Ann Stalker for a 3 year term.

The Board reviewed a list of potential election workers for fiscal year 2012 submitted by the Town Clerk. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the following as election workers for FY2012:

Charles Parton	Elizabeth Miller	Beverly Litchfield
Roger Levine	Robert Miller	Prudence Spaulding
Elizabeth Olenbush	Joan Clark	Scott Farrell
Pia Bellinger	Flora Winterbottom	Laura Davis
Barbara Kelly	Maureen Guidi	Joseph Krejci
Alicia Brazie	Christina Parton	Deloris Davis
Joyce Scala		

The Board reviewed and discussed the reappointment of Scott Farrell as Police Chief. It was noted that there is a problem with referring to the position as the Acting Police Chief vs. just

Police Chief. It was noted that Town Counsel has advised that if appointment of acting police chief happens then the Town would be obligated to give the chief 1 year notice with pay and the only way around it is if the chief would waive the 1 year notice. Mr. Farrell stated that the Massachusetts Police Chief Association has a different interpretation. While discussing the issue with Mr. Farrell, he took off his badge and left it on the table. After further discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Scott Farrell as Police Chief for one year.

It was noted that before any notices are inserted with the tax bills the Board of Selectmen need to review them before the bills are sent out.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Mr. David Herrick as the 911 coordinator.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
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