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Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2015
10:35 a.m.

Board Members Present: Tara B. White, Chairman
Michele Shalaby
Nathaniel Yohalem

Others Present: Joseph Kellogg, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Barry Shapiro
Jeremia Pollard (by telephone)
Tim Newman

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 10:35 a.m.

The purpose of this Selectmen's Meeting is to discuss the procedures that will be followed at the Monday, May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting. A motion from the floor at the Annual Town Meeting will be made to appoint Barry Shapiro as Moderator.

Joe Kellogg then went on to explain that he will read a brief description of all the Articles and a member of the Board of Selectmen will be presenting all the motions. Select Chair, Tara White, will make a motion to waive the reading of the warrant.

Barry Shapiro will, however, read the budget Articles 13, 16, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26 and 32. If there are questions about any of the line items, a "hold" will be placed on that item and any questions answered. If questions are answered, a "hold" will be withdrawn and a vote will be taken on the Article in its entirety. Unanswered "hold" items will be voted on separately.

Article 31 – Tim Newman advised he does not wish Article 31 be brought to a vote at this time. He further stated there are unanswered questions that need to be answered. Tim will move to postpone the vote "indefinitely." The "indefinite" vote allows the Board to schedule a meeting anytime, with no specific date given.

Time Limits – There is a two minute time limit in which residents may speak.

Identification – Residents presenting themselves at the microphone will be asked their name and their residence.

Resumes for Town Administrator Position – Joe Kellogg will set up interviews with Ann Sommers and Derek Brindisi on May 11, 2015 in the morning.

Motor Vehicle Abatements - Joe Kellogg recommended that the unpaid bills from FY2000 – FY2011 be presented to the Assessor as uncollectable, thus removing them from the books. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to have the Motor Vehicles bills as set forth in the April 22, 2015 memo from the Tax Collector to Joe Kellogg and the Board of Selectmen be referred to the Assessor with the recommendation that they be treated as "uncollectable."**

Foliage at Town Hall – Joe Kellogg reported that Martha Bryan would like to plant annual, perennials and herbs by the septic system. She would bring in some topsoil and make her plantings.

Highway – The Highway Department will be taking Chainsaw classes May 7-8, 2015. Highway Superintendent, Chuck Loring, would like to hire Pete Wilson for several days. Chuck also would like to buy a hitch rake for $5,000. Joe Kellogg will request additional information from Chuck.

Selectman Yohalem requested a list of equipment Chuck will need over the next 5-6 years as well as a list of the roads needing repair that will have to be paid for by the Town over and above the budget and State funds. This information is required prior to the Monday, May 4, 2015 meeting. Nat also reported that he saw Jim Palmer who reported a problem with his car after hitting a pothole on a Town road. Joe Kellogg requested that Jim send him a letter within 30 days of the incident with a detailed estimate of the damage to his car. A claim will then be sent to the insurance company.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary