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Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2015
6:20 p.m.

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

Others Present: Joseph Kellogg, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary
Mari Enoch

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:20 p.m.

The Minutes were read. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2015 minutes containing Graham Frank's goals for FY15, as amended, the minutes of the June 1 as amended, and approve the June 8 and June 15 minutes. The June 19 minutes are being held.**

Police Chief/Fire Chief/Highway Superintendent Contracts – A motion was made, seconded and so approved to accept the FY16 contracts as written.

Appointments – Will be made at the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2015. Joe Kellogg explained he had reached out to someone who has Treasurer's experience and may want to act as Assistant Treasurer for the Town. The Board of Assessors is working to have a backup when Marsha is not available.

Administrative Updates – Mari Enoch reported that Gina Campbell accepted the position of Tax Collector. She will start working on July 6, 2016, and will work from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Her salary will be $16 per hour. Gina asked when her health insurance would be effective. Joe Kellogg advised that health insurance premiums are taken out for the following month, i.e. paid forward. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to send a letter to Gina confirming her start date of July 6, 2015 at $16/hour, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a three month probationary period.**

Office Moves – Select Chair, Michele Shalaby proposed that the Board of Health move into the Tax Collector's Office and the Tax Collector's Office move into the Board of Health office. The Board of Health will be contacted regarding any concerns it may have regarding such a move.

Backstop at New Marlborough Central School – Fred Finkel advised that the backstop at the School is in very poor condition and, because the school becomes a Town park over the summer, the Town should replace the backstop. The Board of Selectmen disagreed with the fact that the playground becomes a public park when not in session. Joe Kellogg suggested the backstop be taken down as there are no Little League/baseball games played on that field. The School Committee will be contacted to make a decision on what happens to the backstop.

BSC – BSC will be contacted to offer engineering advice for Clayton Mill River Road.

Wired West – Select Chair, Michele Shalaby, advised that Wired West requested it be put on the agenda for this evening and that there are three items that need clarification (1) Joe Kellogg advised that the application for the $5,000 marketing study grant is not as detailed as first discussed. Joe will complete the application for the grant, (2) identifying other companies that supply broadband, (3) holding a Town Meeting to discuss Wired West. The July 20, 2015 meeting will have a discussion regarding other broadband options.

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – Clark Rowell (Unibank) will be at Town Hall to discuss financing for the fire truck, Wired West and the overall finances/indebtedness of the Town.

Goal Setting – Select Chair, Michele Shalaby, asked the Board members to consider what goals should be set for the upcoming year.

Congratulatory Letters – Tara White would like that the Board to send letters of congratulations to all high school/college graduates.

School Contract – Selectman Yohalem advised that the school contract was approved by the union.

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 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary