

Town of Bridgewater
Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Bridgewater Town Hall
Draft Minutes

Present:

Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Nancy Hawley

Guests:

Members of the public

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 9:03am

Approval of Minutes:

The selectmen discussed the use of term "walkway" in place of "sidewalk" under the subject of "Sidewalk Progress" of the October 11th Board of Selectmen Meeting. In addition, the question of whether Planning and Zoning was only notified of the sidewalk/walkway project or if it was submitted to the commission for approval. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes as submitted from October 11th, 2016, Mr. Read and Mr. Brown voted in favor, Ms. Hawley opposed.

Public Comment:

Susan Patrick thanked the selectmen for addressing the "perpetual garbage can" issue.

Lisa Burns stated that the Town is not exempt from state law and then discussed 8-24 and the procedure for construction projects being approved by Planning and Zoning.

Correspondence:

Janet Deshais - See attached

USDA - See attached

Valencia Williams - See attached

Thank you note - Village Crest Center

Resignations:

Jen Ianucci - Board of Finance (see attached)

Vacancies: No action taken

Ms. Hawley requested that the Board of Finance vacancy be posted on the website; Mr. Read agreed.

Appointments:

Scholarship Committee, Jeanne Papparazzo

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, Susan Patrick

Conservation and Inland Wetland Commission, Erik (Carl) Vikstrom

Northwest Regional Mental Health, Elizabeth McQueen

Inland/Wetlands, Chris Goodman

Inland/Wetlands, Dirk Feather

Board of Trustees, Sharon Brown

Municipal Agent, Dawn MacNutt

Zoning Enforcement Officer, Lois Gilmore

Cable Advisory Board, Ken Swain

Ms. Hawley made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments as submitted, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

Tax Refunds:

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

Tax Collector's Report: Read for the record (see attached)

Grange Update:

Mr. Read explained that the consultants for the State Trust for Historic Preservation have visited the site. They will be completing a feasibility study and report to assist in the project. Mr. Read also discussed the soil remediation report from the oil tank removal on the property. The building has been padlocked and the power has been cut.

Treasurer's Report: Read for the record (see attached)

2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates:

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the dates as submitted (see attached), seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

Schedule property sale on Iron Ore Hill Road:

The selectmen discussed the Landmark area property for sale. Mr. Brown made a motion to set the sale date for Saturday, December 17th at 11:00am, seconded by Ms. Hawley. Ms. Hawley expressed the need for the selectmen to place a sign on the property, advertise properly, and define for what the money will be used. All in favor, motion carries.

State Police Overtime Bill:

Discussion – See attached.

Special Police Officers:

Mr. Read expressed the possibility of adding special, unarmed police officers for tasks such as traffic control. Several towns in the area have such officers and use them successfully. Mr. Brown made a motion to add a new category of special, non-certified police officers that are per diem town employees, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

Town Garage Generator Proposal:

The town garage needs a new generator very soon and while the generator is being installed, the electrician will upgrade the electric panel. See attached proposal. Ms. Hawley made a motion to approve the proposal for the generator and electrical panel upgrade for the town garage, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, motion carries.

Panda Power Proposal New Milford:

Mr. Read informed the selectmen of the proposed power plant in the Town of New Milford. He stated the potential environmental impacts it could have in the region and in Bridgewater. The selectmen wanted it clearly stated that they have major environmental concerns related to this proposed plant.

Old Business:

Joshua Heights Public Hearing:

The selectmen discussed the upcoming public hearing related to the proposed project. See attached letter.

Ms. Hawley made a motion to adjourn at 10:03am, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh R. DiBella
Assistant Town Clerk