

## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – June 17, 2014

Present: Philip Keenan, John Sears, Bob MacLean – Board  
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant  
Pam Shrimpton, Charlie Stetson, Jane O'Connor, Rick Kean, Hussain Hamdan,  
Mary Vilbon (GSFABA), Will Flanders, Dave Rich, Joyce Charland, Lisa Turner

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

Hussain announced that he will be filming the meeting.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrants – warrants were reviewed and approved unanimously. Bob asked how much longer we would be with HughesNet. Virginia explained that there is a little overlap due to email address status.

2. Review of prior meeting minutes – June 3 minutes were approved unanimously.

(Agenda items were re-arranged slightly)

5. Discuss options for Treasurer/Collector/Accountant – Jane O'Connor responded, on behalf of the Job Description Review Committee, to the charge given them by the Selectboard to look at alternatives. The Committee considered audit costs, salaries in other communities, and several other factors. Their recommendation is to conduct an exploratory search first. They drafted a press release to send to The Recorder and The Independent. Phil asked if the Committee would consider morphing into a search committee. The Board will review the drafted press release and authorize Virginia to disseminate it once it is approved.

This item was returned to later in the evening. The Board approved the press release and authorized Virginia to disseminate it.

This item was returned to again later in the evening. Charlie reported that he was taken aback that it is now 14 days before July 1, and the Board has made little progress toward finding a replacement. John explained that the JDRC has worked hard to get job descriptions together and to evaluate whether or not to create a position of Accountant. They are trying to restructure the financial officials responsibilities efficiently and effectively.

Charlie did not have a chance to review the MOU. It will be discussed at the special meeting next week.

3. Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association (Mary Vilbon) – Mary Vilbon (Executive Director) and Will Flanders (President of the Board) attended the meeting to introduce themselves to the Board, and to remind them that the GSFABA also covers Hawley. Discussion ensued as to how the Association can help the Town, and how the Town can help the Association. They provided information so that a link could be added on the Town website.

4. Meet with Council on Aging – Phil welcomed Council-members Lisa Turner and Joyce Charland, and asked what the Council has been doing over the past year, and if they are interested in continuing. Lisa explained that it has been a full year, they have done a lot of events, and 99.9% of seniors are happy with what they have been doing. Joyce added that the events are listed well in the Town Report. They explained that they do not see it as a welfare organization, the events that they plan are for fun get-togethers.

Discussion ensued about a complaint that was made with the State COA, of which the Board had no prior knowledge.

The current members (Lisa, Joyce and Cyndie Stetson) are interested in continuing. John thanked them for coming in, and appointment certificates were prepared.

6. Discuss Highway Truck purchase – Bob has not had a chance to come up with specifications, but he will continue to work on it.

7. Update on unregistered vehicle permit discussions – Phil reported that one section of fence is up. He suggested asking Donna MacNicol whose responsibility it is, and also sending her a copy of the current bylaw and asking if it is applicable.

Rick added that the Assessors had visited the location on Tuesday for data collection. Compared to other places in town, the parcel seemed pretty well kept. He also commented that by that time, there were three lengths of fencing up.

8. Status of Schofield permit – Earlier this year, the Board granted the permit conditionally. John reported that it does look better now. The Board appreciated what was done, and appreciates Mike respectfully keeping up with the neatness.

9. Vote to adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan (sign adoption resolution) – John made a motion to formally adopt the 2014 Hawley Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Bob seconded. Plan adopted unanimously.

10. Reminder – bids openings scheduled for Tuesday 6/24 at 7:30pm and Wednesday 7/2 at 7:00pm.

11. Review and sign appointment certificates –  
Greg Cox – Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden/Emergency Management Director/Measurer of Wood and Surveyor of Lumber/ Representative to REPC  
Chris Tirone – Animal Control Officer/Rep to Veterans Service Center  
Kathryn Sternstein – Planning Board  
Lloyd Crawford – Conservation Commission  
Margaret Fitzpatrick – Conservation Commission  
Pamela Shrimpton – Historical Commission/Burial Agent  
Lisa Turner – Council on Aging  
Joyce Charland – Council on Aging  
Cyndie Stetson – Council on Aging

Phil Keenan – Rep to FRCOG/ Rep to FCCIP  
Peter Mitchell – Agricultural Commission  
Jason Velazquez – Communications Committee  
Rick Kean – Communications Committee  
Lark Thwing – Communications Committee  
Susan Olson – Communications Committee  
Craig Shrimpton – Communications Committee

12. Authorize vacation time carryover to FY15 for R. Gould and V. Gabert – John made a motion to allow Ritchie Gould to carry over 2 weeks of vacation time and Virginia Gabert to carry over 28 hours of vacation time into FY15. Bob seconded. Carry over approved unanimously.

13. New business - none

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

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Philip Keenan

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John Sears

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Robert MacLean