

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – July 1, 2014

Present: Philip Keenan, John Sears, Bob MacLean – Board
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Charlie Stetson, Pam Shrimpton, Rick Kean, Lark Thwing, Hussain Hamdan,
Jane Grant, Lloyd Crawford, Lorraine Marx-Singer

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrant – warrant was reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes for the June 24 meeting were not available yet.
3. Review slightly overdrawn FY14 accounts, and authorize transfer from Reserve (or other) funds – Charlie was not prepared to review this tonight as he had not received a copy of the agenda. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Lloyd made a motion to authorize transferring funds from the reserve fund as needed as long as it does not exceed the balance in the reserve fund. The Finance Committee voted unanimously in favor. Phil made a motion to accept the Finance Committee proposal; John seconded; acceptance was unanimous.
4. Preliminary review of financial charting – Lloyd explained the desire for forecasting tools and Virginia has started working on charting. Phil commented that this will also help address concerns about upcoming expenses relating to integrating new financial officers, and narrowing down what we have available for salaries.

John reported that he got some good recommendations from the MTRSD Long Range Planning Committee, and will follow up on them to see if any are interested. Bob reported that he did speak with Carla Clark, who is not able to take any of the positions. A suggestion was made to advertise on Craig's List. Rick will place an ad.

Preliminary charting was reviewed. Virginia will email the charts to Lloyd for further review and comments for fine-tuning.

5. WiredWest support letter to MBI – the Board unanimously approved, and signed the letter to MBI in support of WiredWest.
6. New business not anticipated at time of posting
 - a) Reviewed an email from Greg Cox inquiring about an appointment to Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project Advisory Committee (previously National Forest Designation). John and Phil agreed that Greg would be the ideal candidate. Virginia will contact Greg to see if he is interested and able.
 - b) John reported that he spoke with Paul Mark about a few items. First, school transportation will receive 90% reimbursement, thus assessment might conceivably get reduced. Second, the environmental bond bill is being voted on by the Senate today and funding to DCR has increased. John asked Paul Mark to contact Bob Melache asking if they would be able to get started on Middle Road repairs this year. Dave Foulis apparently approved the plan (for DEP).

c) John expressed concern about the ambulance situation. We should be proactively looking for a solution.

d) Bob presented bid specs for the 1-ton truck. Bids will be opened on August 12 at 7:30pm.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

Philip Keenan

John Sears

Robert MacLean