

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – August 5, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Robert MacLean – Board
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Pam Shrimpton, Charlie Stetson, Rick Kean, Kristi Nartowicz, Betty Nichols,
Lark Thwing, Lorraine Marx-Singer

The meeting was called to order at 7:29pm.

1. Final interview with financial position candidates – The candidates introduced themselves and provided background of their relevant experience. Kristi Nartowicz for Treasurer, Elizabeth Nichols for Tax Collector. Both agreed to start September 1 with possible informal meeting with Charlie in August. After additional discussion, Phil made a motion to accept the recommendations and appoint Kristi Nartowicz as Treasurer and Elizabeth Nichols as Tax Collector, to begin September 1, 2014. John seconded. Vote to appoint as listed was unanimous.
2. New business not anticipated at time of posting
 - a) Per Greg Cox, the new pumper is in service!
 - b) Pam requested permission to attend an archival program utilizing Continuing Education funds. Board approved unanimously.
 - c) Virginia provided information on several upcoming educational opportunities – FRCOG Selectboard Essentials; FRCOG Finance Management Series; DOR Update on Municipal Finance Law. The Board approved of Virginia attending the FRCOG Finance Management; Update of Municipal Finance Law; and MAAO Clerks Conference.
 - d) John asked about whether we could appoint Peter Beck to the Planning Board as he has been very helpful with bylaw development and wondered whether we could appoint him if he is not physically present? Phil reminded him about the approval for remote participation. John will talk with Lloyd again about this. The Board agreed that we would like to utilize Peter as a resource.
 - e) Rick presented a letter from Jane O'Connor resigning from the Job Description Committee. Phil suggested writing a letter thanking her for her service. John and Bob immediately agreed. John will draft a letter to be signed by the Board asap.
 - f) Bob reported on a meeting he attended regarding the Charlemont Ambulance, and the potential upcoming emergency personnel shortage. FRCOG is assisting in "crunching numbers" for alternatives. The next meeting is September 15 at the Charlemont Town Hall.
 - g) Lark suggested that, at some point, we will need a special town meeting to get approval for the accountant position as well as computer purchase. Virginia will draft a potential Warrant for when the Board is ready to call a meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

Philip Keenan

John Sears

Robert MacLean