

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – August 12, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Robert MacLean – Board  
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant  
Charlie Stetson, Rick Kean, Bob Root and Brandon, Hussain Hamdan, Richard Gould, Greg Cox, Courtney Hoyt

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

Hussain filmed the meeting.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrants – Treasury warrants were reviewed and signed; as were Chapter 90 papers.

2. Review of prior meeting minutes – Minutes were not ready.

3. Bid opening – Highway Department Truck (7:45)

Five bids were opened and read aloud. Several bids included alternatives, thus the results below are not the results as read, but are the results bid according to specs:

Auto Mall - \$52,598  
Bedard Bros - \$49,778.81 (Western plow)  
Davidson Chevrolet - \$44,937.76  
Liberty Chevrolet - \$50,844  
Dillon Chevrolet - \$50,145 (Fisher plow)

Bids were taken under advisement. Bob will closely review and the Board plans to make a decision about awarding the bid next week.

4. Discuss Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project with Greg Cox (Boards thoughts and concerns about the project) – Following discussion, John suggested that Greg push them to come up with something more concrete. Greg agreed that any proposal having to do with land should come before a town meeting.

5. Election worker appointments – the following election workers were appointed:

Beth Thwing	Lark Thwing	Ann Hamilton-Kean
Courtney Hoyt	Jane Grant	Juanita Clark
Kathryn Sternstein	Tammy Schofield (Election Clerk)	
Margaret Eggert	Chris Hicks (Election Constable)	
Susan Olson	Melanie Poudrier (Deputy Warden)	
Lorraine McCarthy	Gloria Decker (Constable)	
Paul Norcross	Mary Gelinias	Shinichi Miyazacki
Elvira Scott	Jerry Sternstein	

6. Sign Finance Officers appointments - Kristi Nartowicz appointment certificate for Treasurer (1-year) was approved. Betty Nichols appointment certificate for Tax Collector (3-year term ending 2015) was approved.

7. Reminder of software demo on Friday morning at 9:00am.

8. New business not anticipated at time of posting

a. Discuss need for Special Town Meeting – Virginia and Rick explained that the Assessors need approval from the legislative body (Town Meeting) to negotiate a PILOT agreement, and then the approval of the agreement itself. Virginia will check with Donna MacNicol to see if both can happen at the same meeting. Rick estimated about 6 weeks until the Assessors had an agreement with AllEarth Renewables.

b. Charlie reported that he will be meeting with Kristi tomorrow and Betty on Monday. He also mentioned that we will need an additional vocational transportation vehicle to go to Franklin Tech, which may increase the overall transportation costs.

c. Rick presented a recommendation that the Position Description Committee be renamed the “Personnel Committee”, and that it become an official Committee of the Town of Hawley. As such, it will also be charged with drafting and updating Position Descriptions; review and updating of the Personnel Policy; Candidate search and new employee orientation; and ongoing Personnel Policy interpretation and administration. The Board agreed that this was an excellent idea. Virginia will get information from Town Counsel about how to officially form this Committee.

d. Courtney Hoyt voiced concern about underage access to Fire Apparatus. Greg explained that the Fire Department depends on volunteers, many of whom have children. Several of them have brought children along on non-emergency runs – for fuel, for example. Phil suggested having the Fire Chief create and implement a policy. Greg agreed to work on one.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 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