

Town of Hawley, Massachusetts  
Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting – August 25, 2015

Present: Phil Keenan, Bob Maclean – Board (John Sears absent)  
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant  
Pam Shrimpton, Rick Kean, Chris Tirone, Lisa Turner, Lark, Diane Broncaccio,  
Hussain Hamdan, Lorraine Marx-Singer

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrant – warrant 2016-05 approved unanimously.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes from August 11 were not ready yet.
3. Appoint representative to Designer Selection Committee for wood pellet system at Hawlemont (meeting on 8/27) – Phil made a motion to appoint John to the Committee, Bob seconded – appointment unanimous.
4. Vote on front door replacement (evaluate cost estimate) – Lloyd got an estimate of approximately \$275 through Home Dept. Board approved and suggested looking into a new handle and lockset.
5. Update from Communications Committee – Chris Gray looked at the Town Office and felt that he would need five directional antennas. The Communications Committee did not like that concept, so they recommended not pursuing it at this time. The Committee will apply for a \$5000 MBI grant to get a better feasibility study along with costing estimates.
6. Update from Personnel Committee – The Committee has completed eight reference checks and now recommend Terry Walker to be appointed as Treasurer to spend one day a week in Hawley with 30 years of municipal finance experience. Her reference checks were excellent. The Board would like to meet her prior to appointing, so a special meeting was scheduled for next Tuesday to meet with her and officially appoint her to the position.
7. Any other business not reasonably anticipated prior to posting agenda
  - a. CPHS flu vaccine charge options – Phil recommended the \$25 charge along with approaching the COA for a waiver or cost offset, if they are interested in being involved. Hussain will approach Lisa about that idea.
  - b. FRCOG Municipal Financial Management Review workshop will be held on September 16.
  - c. Reschedule November 3 meeting (election day) – opted to wait until John was present.
  - d. Chris Tirone asked about the policy of what happens to the wood if a tree falls across the road. It was agreed that the homeowner should get the wood or at least be offered the wood. He eluded to a complaint of wood being taken and not offered to a landowner. Board suggested encouraging the landowner to file a written complaint if he feels it is necessary.
  - e. Lorraine Marx-Singer asked what the Highway Department was doing scraping the sides of West Hawley Road. Board explained it is in preparation for paving work to be done this fall.

f. Chris Tirone commented that the culvert that was replaced near Maggie Browne's property needs to be cleared – boulders are starting to obscure it. Phil commented that we are still hoping to have a study of all culverts – locations and conditions – and coming up with a maintenance/improvement plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

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John Sears

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Philip Keenan

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Robert MacLean