

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – September 30, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Bob Maclean – Board
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Pam Shrimpton, Hussain Hamdan, Rick Kean

The meeting was called to order at 7:52pm.

1. Discuss Forge Hill Road – The Board was reluctant to award the bid without FEMA acceptance of the scope of work. Following discussion, John made a motion to accept the Davenport bid for site 1 on Forge Hill Road pending finalization of documentation and funding by FEMA (as long as Davenport is willing to wait). Award was unanimous.
2. Discuss second year of CIC grant for tick testing – John made a motion to support the Tick-borne Disease Network expansion plan. Support was unanimous.
3. Discuss grant for Accounting Software development – Board voted unanimously to be the lead community in the FY15 CIC Grant application for continued development and enhancement to the CSC Accounting Program. Further, John made a motion to allow the chair, Phil Keenan, to sign on behalf of the Board. Bob seconded; approval was unanimous.
4. Sign paperwork for FY15 EMPG grant – Phil signed approval for Greg Cox to be the authorized signatory on the FY15 EMPG grant.
5. New Business:
 - a) John brought up a letter on Statewide Roads and Bridges asking for the Board's endorsement of a No vote on Question 1. After brief discussion, the Board voted to take no action at this time.
 - b) Hussain reported on Mr. Buoniconti's response pertaining to Tech Schools. (see following summary report)
 - c) Rick proposed appointing Betty Nichols as Treasurer. Appointment was made unanimously.
 - d) Rick reported that it appears that the AllEarth PPTA agreement will go through.
 - e) John is concerned about drainage on East Road. Engineered plans were reviewed, and appear to take care of the issue.
 - f) Hussain asked if there was any word from DCR on the Middle Road repairs. John responded that they are waiting for Berkshire Design action again. The Water Quality permit was received from DEP, and we have been told by legislators that DCR got additional funding, but it is a matter of priorities for DCR. Discussion ensued about writing letters to DCR. John will work on a form letter that can be emailed to Bob Mellace, Regional Director of DCR as well as to Berkshire Design Group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

Philip Keenan

John Sears

Robert MacLean