

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – October 7, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Bob Maclean – Board
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Pam Shrimpton, Erwin Reynolds, Henry Eggert, Akasha Jelani, Hussain Hamdan,
Rick Kean, Pete LaFogg, Lloyd Crawford

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

1. Review and signing of treasury warrants – Warrants 14, 15 and 15a were reviewed and signed.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes from September 23 and 30 were not ready yet. They will be presented at the next meeting.

(inserted “new business” item - Erwin Reynolds – Hawlemont Agriculture grant application)
Erwin Reynolds explained that Hawlemont is applying for an Innovative Challenge Grant for the Agricultural Program. The Board was unanimously supportive. All signed the application, and offered to write a letter of support for the second round.

(item 6 inserted) 6. Discuss extras proposed for East Road project (LaFogg & Hathaway) – Pete LaFogg reported that they should be finishing up next week. He had come up with a few questions, which had been resolved by Ritchie. There were three crossings that were supposed to have drop inlets. One of them had a lot of chunky debris in excavation, which they will use to build a wall behind it for further erosion protection. The second had a timber wall, so it is good. The third had been crushed, so Ritchie had two sections of pipe on hand, which were used to replace this crossing. His final bill will include a charge for an extra 88 feet of block (roughly \$3960). Also, the guardrail had been installed fairly recently (this was confirmed by Commonwealth Guardrail) and only a small section will need to be replaced. The rest can be replaced.

3. Consider endorsing the proposed Solar Bylaw – Lloyd reported that he did a mailing to all landowners and only a few people responded with comments, which have been considered, and worked in where possible. A final draft will go to Peggy Sloane (FRCOG planner) and Donna MacNicol for review before going to a public hearing and eventual vote at Town Meeting. The largest remaining issue seems to be maximum size – whether it should be six or ten acres. The Board is in favor of endorsing the bylaw. John made a motion to endorse the solar bylaw that is to come before the Town at a Public Hearing and Town Meeting. Bob seconded; approval unanimous. The Board granted Lloyd authority to get the proposed bylaw reviewed by Attorney Donna MacNicol.

4. Appoint members to Charlemont/Hawley Cultural Council – Current members are as follows:

Peter Beck (exp. 8/28/17)	Joanne MacLean (exp. 11/3/16)
Pam Shrimpton (exp. 1/1/16)	Tinky Weisblat (exp. 10/1/15)

5. Sign contingent bid award notice for Forge Hill Rd – The Board signed the official bid award for Forge Hill Road to Davenport, contingent on FEMA approval.

7. Any other business not anticipated in advance of posting
 - a. Erwin Reynolds – Hawlemont Agriculture grant application (discussed earlier in the meeting)
 - b. Franklin County Selectboard Cohort meeting – Board approved Virginia attending the meeting.
 - c. CSC Accounting bid application – Board signed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

Philip Keenan

John Sears

Robert MacLean