

## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – October 28, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Bob Maclean – Board  
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant  
Pam Shrimpton, Craig Shrimpton, Betty Nichols, David Eisenthal (Unibank),  
Kevin Richardson, Chris Tirone, Charlie Stetson, Hussain Hamdan, Lisa Turner,  
Tedd White

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

Agenda item 5 was moved to be beginning of the meeting. David Eisenthal reported that he took bids for the storm damage loan rollover this morning. It would be for a renewal to November 12, 2015 for \$490,000. Bids were as follows:

Eastern Bank	0.5%
Easthampton Savings Bank	0.55%
Unibank	0.55%
Peoples United Bank	0.65%

John made a motion to accept the low bid; Bob seconded; Eastern Bank's bid was accepted unanimously.

David Eisenthal presented the necessary documents for signatures, as well as projections for permanent financing. Projections were for four, five and six year terms with annual or semi-annual interest payments. The Board will forward this information on to the Finance Committee and put the chosen option on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrants – warrants 18 and 18a were reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes for October 7 and 21 were not ready yet, they will be presented at the next meeting.
3. Discuss withdrawal from Central Franklin County Veterans District and joining Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Service District – Kevin reported that he had received minimal information prior to the informational session, which he was unable to attend. He explained the proposal to withdraw from the Western Franklin Veterans Service Center and to join the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Service Center instead. He explained that financially, there is not much of a difference, but if we did not opt to make the change, state reimbursement would be 50% instead of 75%. Kevin recommended that the Board wait until after the State election, and he will give a recommendation at the meeting on November 18.
4. Discuss schedule for signing warrants over the next two weeks – Due to Election Day and Veterans Day, the Board will not be able to meet over the next two weeks. Instead, John and Phil will come in on Wednesday, November 5 and 12 before noon to sign Treasury warrants.
5. Finalize storm damage loan roll-over – addressed earlier in the meeting.

6. Any other business not reasonably anticipated prior to posting agenda

a) Lisa Turner stated that she had some questions about submitting bills for the Council on Aging. She asked about the deadline for the warrant – it is best if bills are submitted by the day before the warrant will be presented to the Board. She asked the hours for the Treasurer/Collector – she is posted to be here on Wednesdays from 4-6, but comes in at other times as her schedule permits. She also reported that Ann Falwell is interested in being the third member to the Council on Aging. The Board will appoint her at the next meeting.

b) Virginia presented information from the MassDOT engineers about Savoy Road Bridge and the strong recommendation to officially adopt the layout of the road. MassDOT will be able to lay out the road, and prepare much of the paperwork, the Town will only need to cover presenting at Town Meeting, and recording fees at the Registry of Deeds.

c) John relayed some misunderstanding about a pile of dirt left near the East Road construction site. It had been ok'd by Ritchie, but apparently Juanita had been under the impression that it would only be for a short period of time. Ritchie is willing to move it and save it for Forge Hill Road or some other project – he was just trying to only have to move it once.

d) The Board authorized Phil to sign the East Road completion documents on behalf of the Board.

e) Hussain inquired about Phil's residence status, and whether anything had changed. He stated that he "does believe that if it continues he should consider resigning". Phil thanked him for his opinion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

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