

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – December 30, 2014

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Bob Maclean – Board
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Pam Shrimpton, Rick Kean, Bob Root, Brandon, Hussain Hamdan, Lark Thwing,
Susan Olson, Lisa Turner, Tedd White

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

1. Review and signing of treasury warrants – warrants 26 & 27 were approved unanimously.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes of December 16 were approved with one minor correction in item 5 “reviewing” replaced the word “reviewed”.
3. Discuss Financial Policy Guideline Draft (dated 12/12/14) – John suggested some reformatting. Lark will incorporate his suggestions into the working draft and the Finance Committee will continue to revise the draft.
4. Appoint Carla Clark to fill Auditor position – Virginia reported that Carla will come in to the Town Office perhaps the second Friday in January to do the audit for the Tax Collector records.
5. Review amended draft MBI resolution – Rick reported that the Communications Committee met yesterday and further revised the draft. The mission was to enable full and fair discussion of the issue. They removed any mention of dollar figures and explained reasons for supporting the project at this time, which was mainly to get information. John made a motion to accept the resolution as revised by the Communications Committee. Unanimous affirmative vote.
6. Board of Health online training opportunity – Virginia provided information about online training for the Board of Health.
7. Follow up on Charlemont Ambulance report – John reported that the Committee came up with three recommendations:
 - 1) EMT training at Mohawk – although this was not recommended by Sandee Mizula and Dawn Jesefski.
 - 2) Selectboards of Charlemont, Rowe, Heath and Hawley send out letters to all residents explaining the situation. Recommending a campaign to educate and make more effort to recruit.
 - 3) Raise the amount of money that volunteers are paid for going on a call.
8. Follow up on HRA Advisory Committee representative – Virginia reported that no one has come forward yet. Hussain expressed some possible interest, so Virginia provided a copy of the information for him to review.

9. Any other business not reasonably anticipated prior to posting agenda
- a) Lark reported that in response to having been asked how the Accountant duties would be handled, the Finance Committee, Job Description Review Committee, Treasurer, and Administrative Assistant came up with a breakdown of duties.
 - b) Rick reported that the website now has Selectboard minutes for 2008 through 2014 as well as 12 new tax maps.
 - c) Hussain asked Phil if he had come back to town yet. Response was negative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

Philip Keenan

John Sears

Robert MacLean