

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: May 14, 2014

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Steve Ingerson

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Request to approve minutes of April 23, 2014: Minutes were amended to read SI asked about background checks for Town employees. JF said we could take this up at the next BOS meeting.

2) Motion to approve minutes of April 23, 2014 as amended.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Request to approve minutes of May 3, 2014: Amended to read SI wished to make his own decisions.

3) Motion to approve minutes of May 3, 2014 as amended.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Request to approve and sign on Year End Transfers: Question asked if FinCom had signed off on this. JF found proof that they had been signed.

4) Motion to approve and sign on two Year End Transfers.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

5) Motion to re-appoint Kathleen O'Donnell as Special Counsel, with a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI - Nay

Question from Keith Maynard to SI "why are you opposed to the re-appointment". SI was not generally approved of this last year and especially not since things have progressed. He states we already have legal counsel for Town and she makes 3 and he feels we don't need all of them. MM states that everybody gets paid by the hour for legal counsel. MM states that Kate Stacy has worked with her for quite a while and works well with her. Kathleen used to work for Kopelman and Paige so she has a history with her. LW asked if she handles criminal cases. MM states she is a tax title lawyer. All fees charged to tax title are paid by those who are in arrears so the Town gets this money back. SI stated when he got on the Board last year it was presented to him that Kate Stacy, the Treasurer had problems working with Kopelman and Page. SI stated he called Kopelman and Paige and all of the things that he was told were not true. There were no

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delinquency problems between the Treasurer and Kopelman and Paige. It was presented that we had to get a new lawyer to handle these kinds of issues. Keith Maynard wants an explanation as to why we have Kathleen O'Donnell doing this work and that KS doesn't "dictate what Kate Stacy wants" who she wants to deal with.

LW states she worked with KO when she was Treasurer.

MM told KM that he was not prepared tonight to talk further about this and if he comes back next week he will have the information he is asking for.

- 6) Motion to accept the resignation of Stephanie Lammi with regret as Parks Commissioner and Municipal Groundskeeper, effective April 29, 2014.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

- 7) Motion to accept the resignation of Eric Rantala as Parks Commissioner, effective April 29, 2014.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Request for Selectmen's appointment of Bill LaDue as Municipal Groundskeeper, Employee-at-Will.

SI is looking for resume. MM read a letter explaining recommendations. SI said he heard some things that this new lawn mower in Town requires a special hydraulic license. He sees on the application that Mr. LaDue has a Class A Hydraulic license. MM asked SI - are you certain this license is required? SI stated no, he is just wondering if it is required. He would like to have this discussed at the next BOS meeting SI will send an e-mail to Bob Hanson and get an answer. SI also asked if Mr. LaDue is applying for Parks Commissioner.

Town Clerk brought in posting of job advertisement for Municipal Groundskeeper that was posted on the board and stated that Mr. LaDue was elected Parks Commissioner by written vote. He received 8 votes.

- 8) Motion to appoint Bill LaDue as Municipal Groundskeeper, Employee-at-Will.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Request to accept the resignation of Steve Dubois: letter was read from Paul Lessard, Electrical Inspector.

- 9) Motion to accept the resignation of Steve Dubois as Assistant Electrical Inspector, effective immediately.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Request to approve and sign on Grant Letter of Support: Letter read by MM for Children's Garden for approval of Solar Panels to improve energy efficiency. There is no cost to the Town for the letter.

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10) Motion to approve and sign on Grant Letter of Support for the Children's Garden Nursery School.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Steve Ingerson

Vote: Unan

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

Resident that owns the old Post Office is asking about possibly hooking up with the new water supply for the Town. MM states this would require permission from DEP if the building is not already approved by DEP. No residences may be hooked up only commercial.

Keith Maynard asked where the figure for the well came from that was approved at Town Meeting. MM stated that Weston and Sampson gave an engineering estimate. He became confrontational with MM. JF stopped it. MM asked for KM's email address and MM is pretty sure he has it in an email. SI and KM want to know why the only one that is receiving information on this is MM. MM states this is not true. He states that DEP is keeping SI in the loop via Susan Connors. MM reviewed the history back to two years ago before any of them were on the Board of Selectmen. A consent order was signed by a previous BOS. We agreed to do something about it over two years and DEP has been very patient but, we have been pretty slow which is not unusual for any government. 5 or 6 months ago he contacted DEP and Alan Pease because we have to do something about this. Conversation as to why we are in the water business as opposed to a cheaper form of water. MM spoke about the information he is aware of as to choices. Comment by KM made that we are under no obligation to provide water to the town buildings. MM states we are already in the water business because of what someone did 50, 80 plus years ago. Question asked if there will be a posting when this work is scheduled to be done and what will be done.

Resident asked why SI doesn't have a name plaque. JF said she was told he didn't want one. SI states that isn't true. MM asked SI if he would like one. JF said they order them for every Selectman as soon as they come on board.

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report:

Read by MM.

All info is available on Ashby website.

Public Comments (if any):

11) Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Steve Ingerson

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____