

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: February 6, 2019

Members Present: Mike McCallum, Mark Haines and Janet Flinkstrom

Time: 7:04 p.m.

2) Selectmen approve minutes of January 23, 2019 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

3) Warrant #W19-16P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$66,855.03, subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

4) Warrant #W19-16 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$1,047,134.30 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

5) Selectmen approve and Chairman signs on Comstar Non-Contractual write-offs for \$14,108.63 thru 1/06/19 as approved by the Fire Chief.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Selectmen discuss and vote on DLTA application for Regional Dispatch Study: Selectmen McCallum presented what this is about. Towns of Ashby, Pepperell and Townsend are studying the possibility of setting up a regional dispatch system for the 3 towns to use jointly. MM states that the State is almost mandating that Towns set up regional dispatch systems by not giving out very large grants to individual Towns that run their dispatches. This is to move forward and apply for a grant to start a study in regards to the possibility of joining the towns of Ashby, Townsend and Pepperell for regional dispatch. MM states we have had a number of meetings with the other towns. Two requirements of the DLTA grant are that it is discussed at a public meeting and BOS sign a letter that states the Town of Ashby is in favor of applying for the grant. MM did talk with the Dispatchers before having this meeting so there are no surprises.

6) Selectmen sign a letter supporting the application for the DLTA grant.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

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- 7) Selectmen approve and sign on One Day Liquor License for the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club, for February 9, 2019 for a Remembrance for Erik Laaksenen, License #456.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 8) Selectmen approve and sign on One Day Liquor License for the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club, for February 23, 2019 for a Fishing Derby, License #457.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Discussion with The Council on Aging regarding their budget increase and a request for COA Director's increase in hours. Attended by COA members and presented by Cory Harju, COA Director. She gave the BOS a description of her work load and duties. She is now spending 16 to 20 hours a week in the position. Current budget is for 8 hours/week. She is working with police, fire and the Town nurse to improve information for the seniors. MM explained the process for working on COA budget with the Town Administrator, Finance Committee & BOS. CH shared copies of statistics she received from Tufts on Ashby's senior population and went over some of the information. She states the COA now has a full council. CH reported a good turnout for Senior Tax Work-off program informational meeting. Linda Stacy commented on how much the Director is currently doing.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

Town Administrator's Report: Read by MM and available on Ashby Website.

Public Comments: Linda Stacy inquired as to progress of doing the railings for the front of Town Hall. MH explained samples were shown & railings are currently being made.

- 9) Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____