

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: October 2, 2019

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Scott Sweeney

Time: 7:09 p.m.

2) Selectmen approve minutes of June 8, 2019.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: MM/SS – Aye
JF - Abstain

3) Selectmen approve minutes of September 18, 2019.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/SS – Aye
MM - Abstain

Item #7 on agenda moved up at the request of Scott Sweeney so the Conservation Commission members present can get downstairs to their meeting. Selectmen discuss Community Host Agreement with Minuteman Farm, LLC: Roberta Flashman of Conservation Commission spoke and is familiar with the Fire Pond on Piper Rd and stream that connects to Willard Brook; that connection renders both the pond and stream as protectable and said anything within 100ft of pond or stream requires a permit. Owner of property says construction will not happen within 100ft of the pond, in fact, it will more likely be 135ft from the pond. The fire pond is on the residential side of the property at the furthest end. ConCom Member Cathy Kristofferson answered questions and clarified with BOS and owner the plans identifying where work is to be done. She gave her contact info to owner and he will put stakes out on property & call them to review. MM will email owner draft of Host Agreement and told him to call E911 Committee Member Alan Pease to get an actual street address for Host Agreement.

4) Selectmen approve and sign on Payroll Warrant #20-07P in the amount of \$62,453.50, subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

5) Selectmen approve and sign on Vendor Warrant #20-07 in the amount of \$124,110.00 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

6) Selectmen approve and sign on FY09 CDBG grant recipient subordination of mortgage lien agreement dated 2/15/11, recorded in Book 56472, Page 442 in the amount of \$4,860.00.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

7) Selectmen approve and sign on FY09 CDBG grant recipient subordination of mortgage lien agreement dated 07/19/11 recorded as Book 57159, Page 246 in the amount of \$8,110.00.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

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8) Selectmen approve and sign on FY09 CDBG grant recipient subordination of mortgage lien agreement dated 09/09/11, recorded as Book 57420, Page 389 in the amount of \$28,295.00.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

9) Selectmen appoint Angela Jack as Assessor's Clerical Support. Employee-at-Will, effective 09/20/19, with a probationary period of 1 year.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

10) Selectmen approve and Chairman signs on Comstar Non-contractual Write-offs as approved by the Fire Chief for \$5,342.35.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

Discussion on Massachusetts Capital Funding Process: SS asked for this agenda item to be put on because of all the miscommunication that is going on regarding the \$6 million Bond Bill. Scott Sweeney spoke on his findings speaking with State officials. He states he was able to obtain much information and answers to his questions. He read information received from the state. He made some suggestions as to how this could be funded. MM suggested all Towns needing funding get together and come up with a plan. Senator Ann Gobi's Representative spoke to the meeting and explained where the funding is at this time and answered questions from the Board. Discussion of how the Town could pay for a building if the Bond Bill does not come through from the State. Lillian Whitney spoke on her experience when she was working for the Town 20 years ago. She thinks the Town should be getting a bond rating. One resident suggested using money from when the Town auctions properties. Resident asked if residents, as abutters are notified if the Town sells land at a land auction. MM explained advertising for auctions but, that the Town Treasurer does these and knows the process. The Town has to follow the laws. Residents attending meeting felt we needed to look at other ways to get this project done with alternatives and with less money. MM explained the process of putting an article on the warrant and how it gets approved or disapproved when the Town has to spend the money. Chief Alden spoke on some of the findings of the Public Safety Building Committee.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman: SS asked for an update on the Crocker Property. MM responded to this & said Ashby did not get the Land Grant so a Town Meeting is no longer needed at this time.

Public Comments (if any): Resident offered to put sign for Town Hall up at no cost on the lawn. Resident asked about 911 regionalization and wanted an update.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Read by SS and available on Town website.

11) Motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Scott Sweeney Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

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