

Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2016

Minutes

Present: K. Young, H. Comerford, R. Kmiec, P. Huard, J. Ayotte, W. McFaul, S. Krasnecky, J. Patch, G. Judd, A. Paradise, A. Barnes, L. Childs, L. Laheey, R. Laheey, J. Kohn, T. Cofske

Meeting was called to order by Chairman K. Young at 6:00 PM.

Paige Memorial Library – P. Hurd

P. Huard expressed concern of the number of invoices the Paige Memorial Library has paid in the last year for repairs to the lift. She asked if the Board of Selectmen would support them seeking a grant to replace the lift verses continuing to repair the existing one.

K. Young requested P. Hurd pursue opportunities for grant funding for the replacement of the lift if available.

Debt Exclusion Question – April 11, 2016 Ballot

MOTION: R. Kmiec to place the following Debt Exclusion Question on the April 11th, 2016 Ballot "Shall the Town of Hardwick be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Project, including but not limited to the costs of treatment facility improvements, chemical system upgrades, control building renovations, construction of an operations building, electrical facilities improvements, and the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?"
"Yes" "No"

SECOND: H. Comerford

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: K. Young to hold one Debt Exclusion Informational Session on March 29, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

SECOND: R. Kmiec

VOTE: Unanimous

Council on Aging – Relocating Senior Center to Town House Building

J. Patch provided the Board of Selectmen with a budget pertaining to relocation and anticipated monthly expenses. The Council on Aging have voted to fund the installation of an additional phone line, cable, internet services and the installation of a new sink for the Town House kitchen.

The Town House Committee and Council on Aging have both executed a memorandum of understanding for use of the building.

J. Patch requested Selectmen's approval to go forward with scheduling the Senior Center move.

The Board of Selectmen gave direction to both the Town House Committee and Council on Aging to move forward with the relocation of the Senior Center.

Board of Health Agent, Marcelino "Tex" Sarabia

T. Sarabia informed the Board of Selectmen that he will place the Board of Selectmen Chairman as first point of contact and the Vice Chairman as the second contact for the Emergency Call List.

Appointment – Superintendent of Streets

R. Kmiec explained that the appointment should be as Interim Superintendent of Streets so that the appointment to Superintendent of Streets would fall into the appointment cycle as all other appointments. He further explained that it would provide time to get a contract in order.

MOTION: R. Kmiec to continue the appointment of William McFaul as Interim Superintendent of Streets.

SECOND: H. Comerford

VOTE: Unanimous

Department Reports

Highway – Interim Superintendent of Streets, W. McFaul provided the following updates:

- Five cylinders in the grader have been repacked
- Met with the Conservation Commission to open interdepartmental communications for various projects
- Ten-wheel dump truck is costing a lot of money in repairs
- Three hundred feet of various pipes will need replacing
- Ten tons of cold patch was placed today
- Beginning the leasing application for a six-wheel truck

Police Department – Police Chief, J. Ayotte provided the following updates:

- BEC Plumbing replaced the toilet water valve in the police station
- DUI involving drugs included confiscation of over ten ounces of marijuana and \$2,000.00 in cash
- Stats to date include:
 - 43 Arrests
 - 36 Warrants
 - 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Judith Kohn – Proposed Changes to Mary Lane Hospital Services

J. Kohn provided a letter to the Board of Selectmen to review regarding the proposed changes to service at Bay State Mary Lane Hospital. She is concerned for people living in the west part of Hardwick if the emergency room is closed. She estimates it would take them over twenty-five minutes to get to Wing Memorial Hospital in Palmer.

She informed the Board of Selectmen that a group called 'Keep Care Local at Mary Lane Hospital' has formed and will be holding meetings and that she needed to pass this along to Hardwick.

R. Kmiec stated that he has reviewed correspondence from BayState Medical and is trying to understand how the area would be affected.

J. Kohn stated that the Town of Ware is looking at ways to approach this issue. The Massachusetts Nurses Association is assisting the group.

H. Comerford asked what she is requesting from the Board of Selectmen.

J. Kohn provided a draft resolution to consider.

R. Kmiec would like more information from the upcoming scheduled meetings before agreeing to a resolution.

K. Young stated that this will be taken under advisement and the Board will wait for the information obtained from the upcoming meetings.

Elizabeth Morss Scholarship Application

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a request from Curt Allen to be considered for the Elizabeth Morss Scholarship.

Interim Town Administrator, T. Cofske explained that the scholarship fund currently has \$200.00 available because two awards were given in the amount of \$500.00 each two years ago.

MOTION: R. Kmiec to award the Elizabeth Morss Scholarship award to Curt Allen in the amount of \$200.00

SECOND: H. Comerford

VOTE: Unanimous

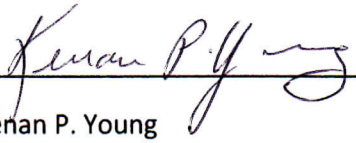
MOTION: R. Kmiec to adjourn.

SECOND: H. Comerford

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

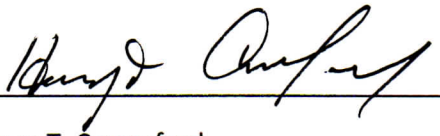
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Kenan P. Young



Richard V. Kmiec



Harry T. Comerford