

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Minutes

Present: K. Young, K. Allen, J. Quink, M. Kirby, B. Kirby, F. Hanson, S. Krasnecky, C. Wolfe, V. Nastasi, L. Small, E. Fleming, H. Comerford

K. Young called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and read the agenda into record.

Michael Kirby – Discuss Complaint of Unregistered Vehicles and Occupancy of Trailers on Main Street Property

M. Kirby informed the Board of Selectmen that he has had ongoing issues with a neighbor that continues to have unregistered cars on the property as well as a trailer that they are living in which is not allowed under the Town's Bylaws. Twice in the past years, the neighbor has had between five to six cars on the property. The prior Building Inspector took care of it. A while back, a real estate agent had informed him that the Town's Building Inspector could take care of these issues.

The neighbors have been living in a trailer on the property for about two years. About 21 months ago, it got to the point for something to be done. The Board of Health Agent was very cooperative and contacted the Building Inspector.

M. Kirby has been to the Building Inspectors office about 15 times and has not been able to get anything done. He was informed by the inspector that a letter to the neighbor would go out. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the sections of the bylaw that pertain to unregistered cars and occupancy of a trailer in Hardwick.

The Board of Selectmen informed Mr. Kirby that they are in receipt of a letter compiled by the Building Inspector that was issued on May 21, 2018 to the neighbor requesting he address the complaints of the unregistered vehicles. The Board of Health will be following up on the trailer issue.

Review/Approve the June 16, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant & Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the June 16, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant and the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: J. Quink, to approve the June 16, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant

SECOND: K. Allen

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: J. Quink, to approve the June 16, 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

SECOND: K. Allen

VOTE: Unanimous

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee – Review Proposed FY2019 Budget

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee reviewed each line item of the proposed FY2019 Budget. T. Cofske explained that there are still a few open items to resolve until the budget is complete. Will have final prepared for the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department Report – F. Hanson stated that there was nothing new to report on for the Fire Department.

Council on Aging Report – Chairperson, Gloria Judd reported that the Senior Center will be very busy during the month of June. The participation of Hardwick seniors has increased over the past year. Everything is going really well at the Senior Center.

Planning Board – Eric Fleming stated that there is nothing new except for the marijuana bylaws. J. Quink stated that the Board received two different sets of the proposed bylaw and asked which version was the correct one. H. Comerford advised that they have been tweaked a bit per the zones. He further explained the different zones allow for different licenses.

H. Comerford brought in the Zoning Map of the entire town to assist in the understanding of the zoning tables. The Board reviewed the zone tables and licensures.

S. Krasnecky asked what type of marijuana would be allowed and is it just medical and not recreational.

H. Comerford explained that the town voter's had voted yes on recreational marijuana and therefore the town cannot prohibit it.

E. Fleming explained that the Planning Board basically took the Town of East Hampton's bylaw and copied it. The limit is 2.5 acres for agricultural growing of marijuana.

Review of Response Letter to the May 25, 2018 Email from Eagle Hill School

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the response letter issued by the Board of Selectmen Chairman, K. Young that was in regards to email exchange about the Eagle Hill School sewer line extension.

The Board also reviewed the revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Hardwick and Eagle Hill School. The MOU was revised by Town Counsel.

E. Fleming asked what the Board wants to do and if they are going to sign the original MOU. He advised the board that they need to sign the MOU without Town Counsel's revisions in order for Eagle Hill School to be able to assist on the issues with the sewer line extension. He stated the system was designed and the Town accepted it.

E. Fleming was asked to explain what Eagle Hill School is willing to do? He explained that they have agreed to facilitate the Town with Tighe & Bond Engineering.

K. Young stated that assistance to the Town from Eagle Hill was never expressed to the town in a public setting.

E. Fleming stated that Tighe & Bond suggested flushing the system and test the valves.

J. Quink stated that it appears there is a communication issue between the Town and Eagle Hill School.

E. Fleming stated that the revised MOU provides more liability to Eagle Hill School. The school agrees to try solving the problem but they do not want to have the additional liability.

J. Quink would like to find a middle-ground.

E. Fleming stated that Eagle Hill School is ready to start spending money tomorrow, if we can sign the original MOU. He has a copy of a report prepared by Tighe & Bond that addresses the issues.

T. Cofske printed copies of the original MOU for everyone.

K. Allen requested E. Fleming to make copies of the Tighe & Bond report for the board to review. He made copies and distributed them to the board.

Discussion of the MOU continued to take place. T. Cofske left the meeting for the remainder of the meeting.

K. Allen stated that if the Board signs the MOU tonight, it will at least open the communication. J. Quink agreed. K. Young agreed and stressed that this system cannot be a financial or maintenance burden to the Town.

MOTION: J. Quink, to the MOU as submitted originally by Eagle Hill School.

SECOND: K. Allen

VOTE: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen and Town Administrator Goals

The board decided to discuss Selectmen and Town Administrator goals at a later date.

SIGNATURES & APPROVALS

MOTION: J. Quink, to approve the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes as written.

SECOND: K. Allen

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: J. Quink, to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: K. Allen

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M

