



# TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

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## SELECTBOARD

July 14, 2015 - Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

## MINUTES

**Board Members present:** Chairman Richard Wagner, Evan Johnson

**Regrets:** Charley Rose

**Present:** Administrative Assistant: Peg O'Neal, Correspondent: Elodi McBride, Paul Dunlevy, Town Clerk: Katrin Kaminsky, Board of Health: Diane Brenner, Building Inspector: Charlene Baiardi, Fin Com: Joe Boudreau, School Committee: John McDonald, Joel Upton, Sara Upton, Sally Strom, Treasurer: Barbara Miller, Cemetery Commissioner: J.P. Welch, Assessors: John Fosnot and Jeffrey Cranston, and Principal Gretchen Morse-Dobosz.

**AXIA, ISP:** Joe Boudreau is in support of the Selectboard writing a letter of intent to AXIA to trigger them to provide pricing to Worthington for installing a system. Their proposal may lower the cost of internet service to the taxpayer's. Middlefield has sent AXIA a letter of intent that Kopelman and Paige have reviewed. It was suggested to ask Kopelman and Paige for the revised letter they signed off on for Middlefield. This issue will be on the July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**Reserve Fund Transfer:** The Town received a bill from Marney Electric for \$670, and a bill from the Lead Lab for FY2015. The street light FY2016 bill was paid in 2015. Three reserve fund transfers will address these.

**North Cemetery:** J.P. Welch received a quote from Dean Messeck for \$14,450 and one from Keith Manley for \$21,739 for the next phase of work at North Cemetery expansion. The project will be funded from the North Cemetery Fund that has a balance of \$23,000. Evan made a motion to award the contract to Dean Messeck Excavation for \$14,450. Dick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Pre-September 2015 Conwell to-do list:** John McDonald stated that the security door at Conwell has been removed. There have been two significant flooding events since last Thursday: Two inches of water in the server room and the electrical panel room. The asphalt has sunk several inches at the Cafeteria entrance and is no longer handicap accessible. There is an upcoming lead inspection on the window sills. Solutions to these problems were discussed.

**Custodian:** Peg asked the Town hall custodian Rick Robillard about working at the School. The School Committee will work on the hours and duties required. The Board will work on the rate of pay for the position. The Treasurer suggested that the custodian be paid less than the maintenance man.

**Personnel Policies:** The differences between salaried and hourly employees were discussed. It's important to not set personnel policies without knowledge or input that could affect other town employees. Treasurer Barbara Miller stated that the School has put an exceptional burden on her. If Barbara has to continue working with the additional school work, she may not continue working. Barbara will continue to work until FY2015 Free Cash is done with the Accountant. Someone else should start as soon as possible. A broader discussion will be deferred until July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Assistant Treasurer could be of use. Dick will talk to the Treasurer about that this weekend.

The Selectboard will meet with the School Committee at their August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Debate on who has control over the space at the RH Conwell school ensued. The town controls the COA space. The school makes decisions on uses of the cafeteria.

**Campground:** Sally Strom is concerned about a campground that is proposed for the end of Harvey Road. Sally would like to know how to stop it. This issue will be put on the July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**Loss of public meeting space at RH Conwell:** The Treasurer and the Accountant will be moved upstairs. Discussion ensued. The Boards will inform Selectboard by the 28<sup>th</sup> on which files will be accessible and which

can be put away. Closet space that is used once a year at town meeting could be better utilized to store files. Julian Traista is already under contract and could ready this room. A table could be set up on the stage to be used by all the Boards.

**Solar Arrays/Wind Farm:** Building Inspector: Charlene Baiardi has received requests about large solar and wind power companies interested in the large open spaces in Worthington. Charlene will notify the Planning Board to discuss working on setbacks.

#### **ACTION ITEMS and DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS and DISCUSSION**

**Minutes:** June 30<sup>th</sup> draft minutes were deferred  
May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 2nd revised minutes will be signed

#### **Winter Road Sand/Fuel Oil/On Road Diesel & Gas bids:**

Evan made a motion to award the #2 fuel oil contract to Whiting Energy of Northampton, MA. Dick seconded.

Evan made a motion to award the gas and diesel to Sandri Energy of Greenfield, MA. Dick seconded.

Evan made a motion to award the contract for the grader to Tyler Equipment of East Longmeadow, MA. Dick seconded.

Evan made a motion to award the washed sand contract to John Lane and Son of Westfield, MA. Dick seconded.

All the motions passed unanimously.

#### **Disposal Attendants:**

Evan made a motion to award the two Disposal positions to Susan Asher and Paul Dunlevy at a \$12.00 hourly wage. Dick seconded the motion. Paul is available from now till September. This arrangement will stay in place until August 11. Motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard will be more proactive in planning alternative hours for holidays. Dump rules and regulations were discussed.

Thank you letter to Adam Leach was signed.

Letter of interest and appointment letter: Diana Noble: Dick nominated Diane Noble to be on the Conservation Committee. Evan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Veterans' Services agreement was signed.

MassDOT Nondiscrimination Assurance Requirement was signed. The town is compliant with the Nondiscrimination Assurance requirements.

Fire District guidelines re: Town public water usage

Insurance RH Conwell School: Question of whether the \$51,000 replacement cost should be increased. Peg will ask the Principal to ask the Superintendent what they have as a replacement value in the elementary schools and also consult with MIIA. Evan will sign this, but it will not take effect until they get confirmation and will be completed at the next meeting.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Julian Traista's estimate for work at Conwell

Worthington Paving invitation to bid

Judy Dunlevy Whitman's complaint about Worthington Roads particularly Windsor Rd. The Selectboard will take under advisement.

Park request

AGO's letter to Mark Brooks

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

July 20<sup>th</sup> HRMC Board meeting

**Adjournment:** Dick made a motion to adjourn at 10:05. Evan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux  
Recording Secretary