



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

SELECTBOARD
January 12, 2016
7:30 P.M. Town Hall
Minutes

Board Members Present: Chair Dick Wagner, Evan Johnson and Charley Rose

Present: Correspondent Elodi McBride, Paul Dunlevy

Opening of Transfer Station Attendants' letters of interest:

Three letters of interest were received: Tad Mason, Susan Asher and J Huntington Chase. A selection committee composed of Paul Dunlevy, Peggy O'Neal and Evan Johnson will interview the candidates Thursday afternoon, January 14th and make their recommendation to the Board at the January 19th Selectboard meeting.

Minutes: January 5th draft minutes were reviewed; December 22nd minutes were signed.

Community Development Fund Joint Authorization form was signed.

Hilltown CDC Budget Revision Request was signed. To date, the Housing and Rehab Program has assisted eight homeowners, leaving the program with \$1,000 to spend on additional home repairs. This budget revision will be used to help a low-moderate homeowner with needed roof repair

MBI RFP Discussion: Mass Broadband Institute has released a draft RFP for vendor and design/engineering services for the last mile build-out. Mass Technology (MTC), as the parent company of MBI, has taken Eric Nakajima out of the regional negotiations and put MTC personnel in his place; WiredWest is down-playing Jim Drawe and Steve Nelson's roles in those negotiations as well.

Brian Dodge Housing Court Update: Evan explained that a mediator at housing court granted access to Brian Dodge's property for one hour tomorrow morning at 10:00. The plan is to compare what is currently present on his property to prior photos and in two weeks, Health Inspector Claudia Lucas will go back to court with the inspection results.

Town Hall Septic Update: Evan met with the septic contractor (Bryan Balicki of Sage Engineering) and designer (Tom Leue). Additional work will need to be done in the spring. More soil (about 2 – 3 cubic yards) must be brought in to fully cover the pipes, regrade and seed. Additionally, the outflow pipe needs to be insulated. A 5% retainage fee will be withheld until the work is completed.

Town Accountant: Charley asked what the status is with Jane's efforts to complete the FY15 end-of-year book-keeping. The books are not closed; the balance sheets are not done. Jane will be called to attend next week's meeting to discuss the fact that she is not adhering to agreed-upon standards and conditions which negatively impacts the Town.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

MassDOT Dingle Road Bridge Inspection Report – no posting is required for this bridge.

Dick's correspondence with the PTO re: bottles and cans at compactor, has gone unanswered – I will call Heather Dufresne and Jill Shippee to determine if they can find more volunteers to help with the task.

Barbara Dunlevy's 98th surprise birthday celebration was held yesterday at the COA's monthly potluck meeting. Barbara was re-awarded the Golden Cane by Evan and the school children sang to and visited with her.

Dick's email reminder to School Committee Chair John McDonald and Principal Gretchen Morse- Debosz re: the passing of the torch for approving the RH Conwell building expenses.

MEETING NOTICES

January 18th HRMC meeting

CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS

Holyoke Gas & Electric promotional material

MMA re: Records Law Legislation

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM to sign the warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neal