



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

SELECTBOARD

March 15, 2016 Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Selectboard Offices

Minutes

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

Present: Administrative Assistant Peg O'Neal, Correspondent Elodi McBride, Paul Dunlevy, Board of Health Diane Brenner and Camille Smith, Kathy Gaughan and Police Chief Kevin Moran.

Board of Health, Brian Dodge hearing: Diane Brenner and Camille Smith gave an update at the hearing in Housing Court. They noted that they submitted the orders and pictures to the Clerk of the Courts and were accepted into the record. Mr. Dodge had several questions, the Judge told him to file a motion to the clerk on these questions. Brian requested a hearing from the Board of Health in two weeks on that motion. The BOH contacted Town Counsel for review. The BOH will contact Mr. Dodge with several options to schedule a hearing date for his requested public hearing. Diane will check with Claudia on those dates. A re-inspection was scheduled for the property on April 23. The next court date is April 28.

The vehicles on the Dodge property are all currently registered in the State of Vermont because Brian's business is reportedly located there. Discussion ensued. Chief Moran will scan the town for unregistered vehicles.

WPD update: The Chief will be asking for level funding this year with the addition of a COLA. Training is going well. Bullet Proof Vests were discussed as the Chief needs to be fitted for a new vest because his vest's 5 year warranty has expired.

Hilltown Community Ambulance Assoc.: Ron McBride will have hours at the Senior Center to answer peoples' concerns a couple of evenings a month. The budget is still being worked on with the hope of the addition of another ambulance. The Directors of the Ambulance service voted to increase emergency medical services to 24/7 on April 1, 2016. The ambulance was called 634 times in 2015 and passed on 96 calls. Ron announced that his EMT's status expires April 15th.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes:

January 19th and March 8th draft minutes were reviewed.

February 23rd minutes were signed

Solarize Worthington: Marie Burkhart is committed to be a part of the Solarize WinComGoWor committee. Rules state that a town employee is required to be a part of this committee. Town Employee Paul Dunlevy expressed interest. Discussion ensued. Evan made a motion to join Solarize WinComGoWor, subject to satisfactory resolutions about their concerns with the Intermunicipal agreements and the ability to find two more committee members. Charley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Recycling bins: Recycling bins cost \$6.49 each. Twenty bins will be purchased with the purpose of selling to residents. The cost is covered by a grant.

Pleasant Street Wedding July 2nd: Parking was discussed. The area should provide sufficient parking as long as emergency vehicles are not blocked.

Retiree prescription benefit plan: This will be brought up at the Finance Committee tomorrow night.

Forest Legacy Partnership: This will be revisited next week.

Recalculated FY16 GRSD payment: It was agreed to pay an amount minus \$5,139 and ask for further documentation explaining why the Town owes that money and then remit payment pending sufficient documentation.

Suzanne's mileage: Discussion ensued. Suzanne will speak to the Tax Accountant and the Board will think about this and revisit later.

Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation concerning the Town.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Municipal Lighting Plant: A MLP co-op was set up on July 19, 2011 and appointed Ryan Neuhauser as MLP Manager, and Dick Wagner as alternative delegate to WiredWest. Dick will do research on whether a Special Town Meeting has the right to bind a municipal light plant.

MassDOT Route 143 Public Hearing: Hearing is set on April 7th at 7:00 P.M.

Need as-built plan changes: Katrin Kaminski, representing the BOH has notified the designer and Stage Engineers of the need for changes.

Costs associated with RH Conwell frozen pipes: Everything is being covered by the insurance except for \$1,000 deductible.

School Committee budget: School Committee removed \$6,500 for payroll out of their budget. Mandated Animal Control Officer Competency training April 9th 2016 Hampshire & Franklin Municipal Conference will be held at Greenfield Community College.

At 9:44, Dick moved to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing litigation because discussing in open meeting would have a detrimental effect on our bargaining and litigation position as I as Chair declare, to not return to open session. Roll Call vote: Dick Wagner Aye, Evan Johnson Aye and Charley Rose Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary