

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

JUNE 20, 2012

MEETING: Chairman Sushchuk called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Roll call established that Selectman Furmaniuk, Selectman Patacchiola and Chairman Sushchuk were all present.

AGENDA: Chairman Sushchuk made a motion to remove the Vault Update from the agenda and to move up the acceptance of John Potter's resignation to 7:45 PM. Motion 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

MINUTES: Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2012, 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

6:35 PM Chairman Sushchuk entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §21, Police Negotiations. 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. Roll call: Sushchuk aye, Furmaniuk aye, Patacchiola aye.

7:12 PM

RETURN REGULAR
SELECTMAN MEETING

JOINT MEETING WITH

PLANNING BOARD: The Select Board met with the Planning Board to discuss the town's master plan, economic development, the need for a part time planner and grant writer. Selectman Patacchiola stated that he would like to see an updated plan from that of 1962. Mr. Ken Williams of the Planning Board asked him for what purpose and stated the town has strong zoning regulations, Open Space Plan along with the Sterling Land Trust looking out to preserve open space and saw little need for a costly master plan. The Board discussed the Town Government Study Committee's recommendation for a town planner. Mike Radzicki suggested that the selectmen use a regionalized planner and grant writer, updating and making the master plan a living document and stated that he saw it as the Select Board's job to plan with assistance from the Planning Board. Chairman Sushchuk liked the idea of a regionalized planner that would not only reduce cost to the town but help to encourage agricultural and economic development. The consensus of both boards was that the town needed a professional planner to and this person could consolidate all reports into a master plan. Mr. Radzicki suggested the town contact John Hume at the MRPC and have his staff look at what the town already has in place in going forward with an updated master plan.

JOINT APPOINTMENTS: The Board met with Richard Sheppard, Town Moderator and the Finance Committee to make joint appointments to the Finance Committee and Capital Committee. Selectman Furmaniuk first made the motion to accept the resignation of John Potter from the Capital Committee with much regret, 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

The first candidate interviewed was Joseph Sova. Mr. Sova briefed the Selectmen on his background and reasons for volunteering for the Finance Committee. After answering questions from the Select Board, Finance Committee and the Moderator a motion was made by Moderator Sheppard to appoint Mr. Sova, Selectmen aye, Finance aye. All in favor.

Mary Cliett and Barbara Bartlett were both interviewed by the Selectmen. After a question and answer session the Finance Committee and the Moderator, Richard Sheppard approved their appointments to the Finance Committee.

Richard Sheppard brought Scott Moroney's name forward for appointment to the Capital Committee. Mr. Moroney informed the Selectmen that he had previously served on the Finance and Capital Fund Committees before moving from town and was willing to serve again on the Capital Fund Committee. Mr. Sheppard made the motion to appoint Scott Moroney to the Capital Fund Committee, 2nd by the Selectmen and approved by the Finance Committee. All in favor.

SENIOR CENTER

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Selectman Patacchiola made the motion to appoint Carl Strate to the Senior Center Building Committee, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

1835 TOWN HALL

COMMITTEE:

Chairman of the 1835 Town Hall Committee, Vern Gaw, addressed the Board, reviewing the 1835 Town Hall core project and the committee's preferences. After discussing many issues it was determined that the septic needed to be addressed before the project began. Mr. Hoffman, a member of the Board of Health, stated that without an exact use for the building an estimated flow rate cannot be determined, adding a kitchen also adds to the flow estimate.

Sequence of Action steps needed

1. Determine the usage and occupancy - offices, kitchen etc
2. Engineer septic system
3. Build/connect septic system
4. Renovate building

Many concerns were expressed with regards to the renovations needed for the 1835 Town Hall and the committee was asked if any consideration was given to combining the senior center project with the 1835 Town Hall project.

Chairman Sushchuk stated that there needs to be a resolution to the septic issue before making any decisions.

Chairman Sushchuk asked for a report on the 1835 Town Hall roof issue. Mr. Gaw reported that Mr. Rutherford had called in Brooks Roofing and their report indicated that the roof was in dis-repair. The 1835 Town Hall Committee followed up on that report by calling in another company which reported that the roof was in fair condition.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S

UPDATE:

Ms. Ackerman reported that a part time custodian has been hired and she is in the process of calling for references on the finalists for the 2nd position.

A Special Town Meeting will most likely be needed in November to vote on several items which may include the Vault project, the 1835 Town Hall project, the Senior Center project and the completed Police contract.

Ms. Ackerman suggested a small screening committee for the Administrative Assistant position and it was decided that Ms. Ackerman, Mr. Kelley and Selectman Furmaniuk would be the interviewing committee for the assistant's position, with finalist(s) coming to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Ackerman reported that she would be attending the ICMA conference October 10th, 2012.

The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet that night so she wanted to give them several months notice in case the Board of Selectmen wishes to reschedule.

Wachusett Regional School District is looking at assessing the towns monthly, if the Paxton override fails.

COMMON VICTUALLER: Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to approve the common victualler permit for the Friends of the Seniors, 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

Chairman Sushchuk made the motion to waive the fee for the permit, 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

MRPC APPOINTMENT: Chairman Sushchuk made the motion to appoint Brian Patacchiola as the new representative to the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

Chairman Sushchuk made the motion to appoint Brian Patacchiola as the new representative to the Montachusett Joint Transportation Commission, 2nd by Selectman Furmaniuk. All in favor.

TRANSFERS:

Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to approve the alternative year end transfers for \$1735.32 for the Building Department, \$12,000 for Dispatch and \$112 for the Treasurer's office subject to approval of the Finance Committee. 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola.

Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to approve the transfer of \$766 for the Clerk's office, 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

LIAISON WRSD:

Chairman Sushchuk made the motion to appoint Ron Furmaniuk as the liaison to the Wachusett Regional School District, 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

EBS FORAN:

Chairman Sushchuk recused himself from the discussion pertaining to the insurance.

Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to approve the proposal made by EBS Foran for them to provide broker services to the Town of Sterling for FY13 and FY14 not to exceed \$4900 per year. 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman Furmaniuk made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM, 2nd by Selectman Patacchiola. All in favor.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BRIAN PATACCHIOLA
CLERK