

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2011

Time: 7: 05 p.m.

Members present: Peter McMurray and Joe Casey. Dan Meunier did not attend.

2) Motion to approve minutes of July 20, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Request to approve minutes of August 11, 2011 as recorded.

Tabled until next Selectmen's Meeting due to Dan Meunier's absence from meeting.

3) Warrant# W07P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$42,886.19 subject to further review.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

4) Warrant# W08B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$163,580.14 subject to further review.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

5) Warrant# W08B1 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$3,325.00 subject to further review.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

6) Warrant# W08B2 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$4,400.00 subject to further review.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Request for Selectmen's Discussion regarding American Legion Repairs: Repairs to roof, vinyl siding (not New Ipswich Rd) side, but other side and back. Volunteer labor is available, so it is materials that are needed to be funded. These are first 2 phases of repairs. Some of the renovations will not be replaced but redone for Historical Site. Historical Commission did a walk-around with Commander to discuss proper remodeling.

7) Motion that Selectmen will accept the recommendation of the Commander for the remodeling of Phase 1 of the Legion Repairs.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Discussion of use of the Legion Hall by Tom Sanford, Commander to have Senior Luncheons at the Hall. A food permit issued by the Board of Health is needed for this, however a state certified water supply is required and does not have one. Board of Health and DEP (Worcester) were contacted and they will be contacting the Selectmen with what needs to be done to certify water. Commander feels that certification of the water supply should be done as we are in violation and this affects any of the dinners and serving of food that is done at the Hall.

8) Motion to appoint Craig Cormier as Highway Truck Driver/Laborer, Employee-at-Will, pending the results of a Drug and Alcohol Test, with a 30 day Probationary Period.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

9) Motion to approve and sign on FY2012 Council on Aging Formula Grant.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

10) Motion made to approve and sign on a prior CDBG grant that was issued, due to owner getting a lower interest rate on loan.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Discussion with Selectmen of CDBG Application Review and Upcoming Grant Round Briefing (MRPC): State of Massachusetts designated 9 communities to receive 1 million dollars each from the grants available. The state has created "mini entitlement" to be given to towns but may decide not to use this. They may go back to the old way of distributing monies. Ashby is allowed to apply for grants every year while some cities can only apply every other year. No decision has been made as to whether to make everyone go to every other year. Reasonable costs of projects were explained including administrative costs for each project. Paperwork given to Selectmen to explain the scoring system used for each project and a more detailed explanation was given. JC asked to have the entire grant process explained to him. Explanation of regionalization of Towns in projects is a benefit to the Grant process. (ie: Ashby and Ashburnham). PM stated that this discussion has been very interesting and informative to the Board. Alan Pease asked if an updated Community Strategy Report was necessary. Undecided if this would be necessary or not. Will have meeting to decide on this. JC asked about rehab of public buildings. Answer is "no" with the exception of Handicapped Usability, however there are some other funding that could be looked at.

11) Motion to approve request to allow Chairman to sign CDBG Documents out of session including grants and documents that have prior approval.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: Unan

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Barn Tour on Saturday with a barn dance to follow at 8:00 at the Ashby Stock Farm. Proceeds to benefit the Old Ashby Firehouse restoration. As of September 30, 2011 the Ashby Grange will be disbanding due to lack of members. As of August 22, 2011 Doug Briggs will begin his interim Town Administrator duties at the Town Hall for a 90-day trial period. After 45 days Ashby and Ashburnham Selectmen will meet to talk about how things are working and then after 90 days a decision will be made. Lillian Whitney asked about his hours. PM said this has not been determined as of yet.

