

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: August 1, 2012

Time: 7:07 p.m.

Members present: Mike McCallum and Dan Meunier

2) Motion to approve minutes of July 9, 2012 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

3) Warrant #W03P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$43,250.07 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

4) Warrant #W04B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$67,342.87 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

Municipal Aggregation Plan Discussion (Mark Cappadona, Colonial Power Group Inc.)

Summary of the document was given to Selectmen. After public hearing is held by the DPU in Boston a 30 day "opt-out" letter will be mailed to all residents of the town. DM asked Mr. Cappadona to update MM as to the process and the plan, as he was not on the board during the past presentations.

A change will have to be made if we are without a TA to read differently as to who will sign for this.

Question: MM: Is the town on basis service. Answer: Yes

Question: MM: How long will the process now be? MC is hoping for 3 or 4 months, but could be up to 9 months.

Selectmen will look into voting on the Aggregation Plan Friday August 3, 2012 and if not at the next scheduled meeting.

No vote taken tonight. Selectmen prefer to wait until all are present.

Alan Pease explained the contents of the Land Use Agent contract and how it will work. Hopefully this will help everyone involved in this area.

5) Motion to approve and sign on Land Use Agent Contract for FY 2013.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

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- 6) Motion to approve and sign on District Local Technical Assistance Contract and for Chairman McMurray to sign out of session.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

- 7) Motion to approve and sign on a One Day Liquor License to Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club for the purpose of a pig roast on August 11, 2012 - license #383.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

- 8) Motion to approve and sign on a One Day Liquor License to Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club for the purpose of a chicken barbeque on September 15, 2012 - license #384.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

Lillian Whitney asked what the reason was for the Matrons' resignations. DM read all 3 letters of resignations. She asked if we had replacements. DM states unknown to him.

- 9) Motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Gilmartin as Police Matron, effective immediately.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

- 10) Motion to accept the resignation of Joyce Hopkins as Police Matron, effective immediately.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

- 11) Motion to accept the resignation of Marilyn Cronin as Police Matron, effective immediately.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

- 12) Motion to give permission to hold Ashby's 22nd Annual Pumpkin Festival and Craft Fair on the Ashby Common on October 6th with a rain date of October 7th.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

Anyone who would like to see the Road Materials Bids - they are publicly available at Town Hall.

- 13) Request for Selectmen to award the FY13 Highway Road Materials Bids as recommended by the Highway Superintendent and attached to these minutes.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Dan Meunier Vote: Unan

Any other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

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MM asked what the working session meeting on Friday was for. DM explained the reason for the meeting and he stated he still has more questions.

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Read by Dan Meunier.

Public Comments (if any): Lillian Whitney asked about any more names of people who signed up to serve on a potential 250th anniversary committee? Dan Meunier states we will talk to Jennifer Collins as to whether anyone else has expressed an interest on serving since the announcement was also put up on the Town's website in addition to the Town Administrator's letter that was mailed out.

Lillian Whitney "heard a rumor" that Townsend has the same software that Ashby has. She wants to know why we are not going with Townsend. DM tried to explain the reasoning for this. Dan and Mike discussed what will be happening on Friday. MM doesn't feel the vote should be combined as one.

A resident brought up the fact the town has already voted on this and wants to know why it is being brought up again. She states that the Selectmen said they would go along with the wishes of the residents. DM tried to explain the reason for this. DM feels the majority of the people who showed up at the Public Forum where there to vote No on Regionalization. She is suggesting that this should be put to a town vote. He again states this is an informational session only. MM stated that the meeting is mostly on the software and not about the regionalization. He also states the town has no plans to buy the software at this time. DM agreed and also encouraged the townspeople to attend this meeting.

14) Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Dan Meunier

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____