

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: June 1, 2016

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Michael McCallum and Mark Haines

Time: 7:03 p.m.

Northeast Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition Update: Cathy Kristofferson reported that on May 23, 2016 Kinder-Morgan withdrew their application for the pipeline project from FERC! Presently, waiting for a decision on the pipeline tax which charges for installation of gas lines by utility companies by taxing rate payers for costs of building pipelines. Also, the Omnibus Energy Bill is in the House Ways and Means right now.

2) Selectmen approve minutes of May 18, 2016 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

3) Warrant #W47P FY16 approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$57,372.40 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

4) Warrant #W48B FY16 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$70,923.17 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

CDBG Recipient Settlement Discussion: Beth Ann Scheid gave explanation to the Board on how this is processed. BOS must also sign a Discharge of Mortgage. CDBG recipient is on 13th year of 15 year full forgiveness on loan. Town will get back \$12,000 and house will not be foreclosed. As opposed to trying to get the full \$17,000 owed after foreclosure. Costs of litigation and slim chance of ever getting the \$17,000 after foreclosure outweighs at least getting the \$12,000 now. Bob Hanson, Town Administrator spoke on what happens to the money that is taken back by the Town to settle the debt. Bob said that because it is over 10 years there is no CDBG account to put it back in. The money must go directly to the Town and not back in the CDBG fund account.

5) Selectmen approve and sign the settlement agreement to release a second mortgage Book 42706 Page 415 dated 5/31/16 for CDBG Recipient (relates to a 2003 septic system project).

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Lillian Whitney asked what the Town would be losing with this transaction. Bob Hanson answered nothing to this and in fact the town makes money. BH notarized the documents.

6) Selectmen approve and sign the settlement agreement to release second mortgage lien Book 44025 Page 140 and Book 45167 Page 363 dated 5/31/16 for CDBG Recipient (relates to a 2003 septic system project).

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

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- 7) Selectmen approve and sign the Discharge of Mortgage Book 44025 Page 149 and Book 45167 Page 363 dated 5/31/16 for CDBG Recipient (relates to a 2003 septic system project).

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Selectmen formalize details regarding the position of Fire Chief in preparation for new appointment:

Term of Appointment: BH spoke on Strong Chief statute which provides for a term of 3 years which can then be re-appointed.

- 8) Selectmen approve a 3 year term for the appointment of a Fire Chief.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

EMT Certification:

- 9) Selectmen approve adding to the job description the requirement that the Fire Chief either be an EMT at hiring or obtains their certification within 1 year of appointment to position and in either case maintain that Certification.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Job Description: BH went over 2 job descriptions that are in existence and a discussion was held. He states the Collins Report job description is overly detailed vs. the Fire Department job description which appears to be just the first two pages of the Collins Report job description. MM suggested that Mike Bussell be appointed as Acting Fire Chief until the process can be looked at by Town Counsel and the process can be completed.

- 10) Selectmen appoint Mike Bussell as Acting Fire Chief effective immediately pending re-working of the job description and a contract for a permanent appointment.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

A thank you was extended to Dave Pillsbury for his time and efforts in taking over the Dept. until a new Chief was named.

- 11) Selectmen vote to decline Right of First Refusal from the parcel shown on Assessor's Map 8 as Lot 57, now or formerly the property of William and Susan Duffy, from the provisions of MGL, Ch. 61B.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

Public Comments (if any): none Assistant Town Administrator's Report: None

- 12) Motion to Adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____