

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: May 3, 2017

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mark Haines and Mike McCallum

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Selectmen Elect Board Officers:

2) Mike McCallum nominated for Chairman of Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Janet Flinkstrom Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: JF/MH – Aye
MM-Abstains

3) Janet Flinkstrom nominated for Clerk of Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

4) Mark Haines nominated as Board of Selectmen Member.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

5) Selectmen approve minutes of April 19, 2017 as recorded.

Motion: Mark Haines Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

6) Warrant #W17-22P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$68,908.00, subject to further review.

Motion: Mark Haines Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

7) Warrant #W17-22 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$110,516.19, subject to further review.

Motion: Mark Haines Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

8) Selectmen approve and sign on 2017 Retail Package Goods, All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages License for 873 Market, LLC. (Lic. #88928-PK-0036).

Motion: Mark Haines Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

9) Selectmen appoint Sidney Long as Broadcast Technician, Employee-at-Will.

Motion: Mark Haines Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Discussion re: Town Meeting Motions:

STM Articles 5, 6 and 7 requesting funding to make repairs/upgrades on three school buildings in conjunction with an MSBA Grant. So the Town is only paying a portion. These articles are all subject to Prop 2 ½ override vote at an Election.

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Discussion on extra funds saved on High School project to be applied to new turf for High School: Kevin Stetson states he was opposed to the turf field two years ago and at that time it was only for infrastructure, drainage etc. Why not put the 1.8 million dollar savings back towards the loan and not towards a new turf field?

MH/MM – valid question for Town Meeting floor. KS will not be at Town meeting.

Lillian Whitney - Thinks BOS are attempting to change articles in warrant. MM explained this is not what they are talking about. Talking about reading of the motions not changing any wording of warrant articles already signed and mailed to homes.

Discussion about Maja Hall – Firefighters Association may be interested in the building. If article passes the Town can possibly lease the building or sell it. The lease would have to specify they carry the insurance & repairs are paid for by them and not the Town.

Discussion about Marijuana Article – MM states this article is unclear. Found out from Town Counsel after the article was submitted by Planning Board that marijuana cultivation is not considered agriculture as defined by State law so the article is incorrect. MM is against passing this article because it is technically wrong.

JF not comfortable in “taking no action” on this article. MM thinks tabling an article is the best way to go because if it gets voted down cannot come up again for two or three years.

Article about Associate Planning Board Member just for voting on Subdivisions; cannot vote on any other Planning Board matters. Increases the members to 6 for Subdivisions only so the odds of 4 members being at every meeting concerning the subdivision are better. Issue with subdivisions requiring many PB meetings and not always having 4 members available to vote and the subdivision can go thru with possible violations if the same four members are not present during the process.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

MM brought up accusations on Facebook that the water at the AES is poison and can't be used. He read a report from company maintaining water samples and quality of water at the school is good. This company tests the water every month because it is a Public Water Supply. The Facebook post also posted a picture of the “water treatment system at Elementary School”. There is in fact no water treatment system at the school and the device in picture posted was identified to be a dishwasher at the school.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Read by MH and available on the Ashby Website.

Public Comments (if any):

10) Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Motion: Michael McCallum

Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____