

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: May 15, 2019

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom and Scott Sweeney

Time: 7:01 p.m.

- 2) Selectmen approve and sign on Payroll Warrant #19-23P in the amount of \$67,269.31, subject to further review.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 3) Selectmen approve and sign on Vendor Warrant #19-23 in the amount of \$994,506.41, subject to further review.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 4) Selectmen approve and Chairman signs on Year-End Transfer of \$13,362.98 from police wages to police expenses.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 5) Selectmen appoint Felix L. Alonzo as a Part-time Dispatcher.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

- 6) Selectmen appoint Cedwyn Morgan, Alfred Crocker, Berendan McNeil, Rebecca Day, and Roberta Flashman as the Management Committee for the Harris Rd. property to be acquired by the Town.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Presentation about the conservation of Crocker Farm located partly in Ashby, by Janet Morrison, Esq.:

Farm located in Ashby, Ashburnham and Fitchburg (maps provided to BOS).

Net costs for Town of Ashby and Ashburnham will be 0 net costs. Ms. Morrison's role will be to obtain grants and oversee the process of making sure everything is done properly. This is an opportunity for public/private partnership. Figures won't be available until June 3rd after the appraisal is submitted. Public viewing is scheduled for June 2nd and will include a tour of the property. The Town will be asked to borrow money to start the project but will be fully returned to the Town. Ownership will come under the Trustees and there will be a recorded Conservation Restriction for passive recreation public use; no motorized vehicles. Concerns 300 acres total. Land is currently in Chapter 61 so only a small amount is collected for taxes. Residence will stay as is currently being collected for taxes.

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Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman: Bob Hanson stated the Senior Tax Work-off program is becoming a liability due to the number of participants in the program. He suggested it be capped off at 25 participants.

- 7) Selectmen approve to cap off the participants in the Senior Tax Write-Off program to 25 people per year.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Lillian Whitney asked about the possibility of using the Town Hall for closed private meetings that was not a Town function. Bob Hanson explained this was not allowed.

Rene Rainville gave an update on his plans to fix the drainage between the Town property and his business. Water runs off of the Town's tennis courts. David Ross did not advise a pipe being put in. So, Rene will just be doing landscaping to prevent further deteriorating. Did talk to Roberta Flashman and as far as she was concerned the wetlands were all set.

Public Comments: None

- 8) Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Motion: Scott Sweeney Second: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____