

Minutes of May 16, 2011

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

First order of business was to re-organize; a motion was made, seconded and so voted 2-0 (Tara White refrained from voting) to have Tara B. White as chair to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board welcomed Nathaniel Yohalem to the Board and expressed a thank you to Charles Loring, III for his three years of service as Selectmen.

The Chair reminded the public that agendas need to be posted 48 hours in advance of a meeting, so anyone who wishes to be on the Board's agenda needs to have their request in writing into the Selectmen's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting.

The Board inquired as to an update for the Memorial Day parade. It was advised that Dave Hastings was contacted and is going to be the Master of Ceremonies and would be in contact with John Sisson.

The minutes of April 26th were approved as prepared.

The minutes of May 9th were approved as prepared.

The Board reviewed and discussed the matter of a contract between the Board of Assessors and Paul Kapinos. It was noted for the new member of the Board that the Kapinos Firm handles all the assessments of real property for the Assessors. The Board would like a letter sent out to Kapinos office and a response back by the end of May regarding an answer to the questions submitted by the Board to the Kapinos last year.

The Board inquired on the status of Hatchery Road since the deadline is approaching soon. It was advised that the only holdup regarding the project at this time is Fish & Wildlife regarding easements. Mr. Charles Loring was asked to act as a liaison representative for the Town regarding the Hatchery Road project. A motion was made, seconded and so voted.

The Board reviewed the one bid received for the Town Hall/Highway Garage Energy Efficiency renovations. It was announced that one bid was submitted by Kurtz, Inc. in the amount of \$169,914.00. The Board mentions that they have only received a grant totaling \$64,000.00 for the project. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to reject the bid. The Board would look into to modifying the bid specs and extend the bid due date.

Ms. White mentions that Mr. Alvin Stalker would like to request sometime off on Saturday to attend a funeral. Bob Litchfield will fill in for Mr. Stalker.

The Board discussed reviewing the job description for the Driver/Laborer for the Highway Department before sending out advertisement.

The Board received a request for site visit to the Town Hall, Town Garage, Library, & School for installing solar paneling. The Board will wait for Town Counsel's review of the proposed contract before signing the request for a site visit at this time.

The Board discussed and reviewed a request to sign a letter endorsing the Wire West grant application. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the signing of the letter.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee requesting a list of questions that the Town would like to have answered regarding the proposed three million dollar bond requested by the District. The Board will meet jointly with the Finance Committee to draw up a list of questions.

The Board received a resignation from Mr. Nathaniel Yohalem for his position on the Finance Committee. It was also noted that there is vacancy's on the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Culture Council. A joint meeting would be arranged sometime in June with both the Planning Board and Finance Committee to discuss appointments to their respective Boards.

Mr. Yohalem mentions that he is interested in the Town having regularly scheduled work meetings with department heads possible on a monthly basis's. Mr. Yohalem advised that he has met with a few department heads and they had expressed that regular department head meetings sounded good to them.

Mr. Yohalem advised the Board that he had received a letter from Stanley L. Stanisz regarding building a cell tower on his property. Mr. Yohalem advised the Board that he has drafted a letter back to Mr. Stanisz informing him of the name of a company, Tarpan Towers, that builds cell towers and he should work directly with the company.

The Board discussed having the Finance Committee begin working on a long range capital plan. The matter would be forwarded to the Committee.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant