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SELECT BOARD MINUTES / August 9, 2017

Select Board present – Laurel Scialabba, Harvey Drosehn, and Richard Kardasen Public & Board Members Present – Kathe Warden, Viv Mason, Richard Scialabba, Carole Forward, Judy Casey, Rachel Carhill, Honey Smith Thomas Smith, Nancy Prinz, Chet Hover, Thomas Porter, Kathy Fuller, Larry Turner, Duane Bruce, Barry O'Keefe

Laurel Scialabba opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and announced the meeting was being recorded asked that all cell phones be turned off and if anyone was recording the meeting, no one recording.

Laurel asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review & Approve Previous Meeting Minutes July 12,2017 Harvey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 12,2017, Rick Kardasen seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Review Correspondence & Warrants Harvey made a motion to review and accept all correspondence. Rich seconded the motion and all voted age.

Communications & Reports from Department Heads, Boards, and Chairs

Larry Turner – Fire Dept. – The Fire Dept. had come up with a capital plan a few years ago to budget for new equipment. The tanker truck is 30 years old and was on the 5-10year part of the plan. He would like to apply for an AFF Grant to help pay for a new fire truck. The truck that he would like to replace is a 1988 Mack homemade tanker. The tanker would be up to \$400,000.00 to replace and the grant is substantial but whatever is awarded will have to be have a match of 5% from the Town. The Town will own the new truck. Rich makes a motion to support the Fire Dept. in the grant and to subsidize the 5% match, Harvey seconds the motion, all voted aye. Larry Turner – Water/Sewer Dept. – The installation of the flow meter at Camp Taconic is complete. The flow meter and transmitter of information for the meter will hold up to 96 days. He needs to get a data log system set up. The flow is about 24,000 gallons and the maximum is 26,000 gallons daily.

Dick Scialabba – Lake Management – will get a meeting of Lake Management together for August 21.

Old Business – Town Counsel reviewed the policy for reappointing Town Employees. All employees can be reappointed yearly but not necessary everyone will hold their position until they aren't reappointed. Harvey makes a motion to reappoint all present Town Employees for Fiscal 2018, Rich seconds the motion all voted aye.

New Business -

Police Revised Policy & Procedure – Use of Force 1.01, Use of Force Reporting 1.02, and Vehicular Pursuit 1.04 – Laurel says that the Police Dept has presented policy and procedures to be revised and updated. Harvey makes a motion to accept the Revised Policy & Procedure of the Use of Force 1.01, Use of Force Reporting 1.02 and Vehicular Pursuit 1.04, Rich seconds the motion all voted aye.

Police New Policy & Procedure - Post Shooting & Assault Incident Procedures 1.03, Interviewing Victims and Witnesses1.06, Warrants and Affidavits 1.09, and Use of Confidential Informants 2.02 – Harvey makes a motion to accept the New Policy and Procedure of Post Shooting & Assault Incident Procedures 1.03, Interviewing Victims and Witnesses1.06, Warrants and Affidavits 1.09, and Use of Confidential Informants 2.02, Rich seconds the motion all voted aye. Laurel thanks Susan for revising and updating the policies and procedures.

New Town Administrator announcement – Robert Graves – Laurel announces that Bob will be starting Monday August 14, 2017

Hinsdale Dayz Committee – insurance review & update- Laurel asks Kathe to update them on MIAA decision of insurance liabilities for groups using Town facilities. Kathe says MIAA does feel the Town should require liability insurance. Laurel said that the Hinsdale Dayz Committee should come back as a Town sponsored committee. It would cover all insurance liability issues from the past. Laurel asks Carole Forward to speak for the group, as why they won't become a Town Committee and the concern is about the insurance. A discussion follows about MIAA and their recommendations. The second reason is a discussion about how they can purchase things as well as what to do to come back as a Town committee. Carole and the committee will discuss it at their next meeting and decide what they want to do.

Any new business to come before the Select Board. – Laurel received a request from Citizens Energy that Mark & Kelly McIlquham wants to give up the forestry 61 plan. Anytime someone gives it up the Town has the right first refusal of buying the land. There is no money for the Town to purchase the land and the Select Board has to vote to not want the land. Harvey makes a motion that the Town is not interest in purchasing the property, Rich seconds the motion and all voted aye.

Public Comments - no public comments

Meeting Adjournment –Laurel announces that the meeting will go into an Executive Session to comply with MGL Ch. 30A § 21, (a) (1). To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual – Transfer Station Employee and will not be returning to public meeting.

Harvey make a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm Rick seconds the motion. Laurel votes aye, Rich votes aye and Harvey votes aye.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Warden