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## SELECT BOARD MINUTES / July 26, 2017

Select Board present - Laurel Scialabba, Harvey Drosehn, and Richard Kardasen

Public & Board Members Present - Kathe Warden, Viv Mason, Lois Murray, Janet Verge, Bud Verge, Duane Bruce, Richard Scialabba, Shaun Galliher, Laura Galliher, Cathy Spinney, Pat Oakes, Barry O'Keefe and 2 illegible signatures.

Laurel Scialabba opened the meeting at 7pm 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 June 28, & Water and Sewer Commissioner July 6, 2017, Harvey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of June 28 and Water and Sewer Commissioner July 6, 2017 meeting minutes, 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 aye.

Laurel wanted to thank Shaun Galliher for all he did, in making it possible for General Dynamics to donate the conference table and chairs.

### **Communications & Reports from Department Heads, Boards, and Chairs**

Laurel asks if there is any communication or reports from Dept. Heads, Boards or Chairs, there were none.

**Old Business** - none to be discussed.

**New Business** -Discussion about Transfer Station Bag Tags and sale in the community. Kathe said since bag tags aren't being able to be sold at the Transfer Station if the Select Board would allow the stores to sell the m. They would buy them in \$500.00 increments and sign an agreement with the town for the sale of them. She has a copy of the agreement from the Town of Becket and the stores located there . It would only need to have a couple of changes made to the agreement. Lois Murray does feel it would be better to increase the rate than to use the bag tag system. Laurel explains that the bag tags make it more user-based fairness.

**Any new business to come before the Select Board.** - No new business

Public Comments - Patti Oakes asks about the increase in the sewer bills. Laurel explains there were 3 reasons for the increase. Money was being used out of surplus since the rates hadn't been looked at in 13 years. Town of Dalton raised their processing fee by 55% from the year before and City of Pittsfield is building a new sewer plant and will be increasing the charge of

processing to Hinsdale. A discussion follows about the loans for the sewer phases and grinder punmps.

Viv Mason asks who is the new Town Administrator, Laurel said that Robert Graves was chosen; just waiting for the employment Cori and health tests to come back. His start date will be August 14, 2017.

Meeting Adjournment - Laurel announces the meeting will adjourn into Executive Session to approve the meeting minutes & decide if ready to release the following Executive Sessions from June 13, 2017 M.G.L. c30A ss2l, purpose#2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with the Town Accountant and Highway Superintendent & Highway Dept. & from July 6, 2016 M.G.L.c30 ss.21, purpose #1. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition of mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of or complaint or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Police officer and Police Chief. Harvey make a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm, Rick seconds the motion. Laurel votes aye, Rich votes aye and Harvey votes aye. Laurel announces that the meeting will not return to public session after.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine Warden