

Select Board Meeting Minutes 1/3/19

Select Board Minutes of the meeting of 1/3/19

Meeting Opened at: 2:30pm

Select Board Members Present: Carol Edelman, Chairperson, Kenneth Basler and Donald Coburn

Also in attendance: Mark Makuc

Miscellaneous Items Reviewed:

- The Board reviewed the Prime Contract Change Order #001: COR's 1 through 7 for the library construction project (previously discussed in depth at the last meeting). Kenn asked if anyone had any concerns; no one responded and Carol, as Chairperson, signed documentation as it only required one signature.
- The Board reviewed the one quote received for the updating of our Hazard Mitigation Plan. The quote came in at \$13k and we only have \$8,750 available from the federal grant we received. With permission from the rest of the Board, Kenn is going to contact the Director of Berkshire Regional Planning to discuss their quote. We also have the option of applying for the District Local Technical Assistance grant to try to secure funds for difference; it was agreed that if the conversation with BRPC is unproductive we will apply for the additional grant.
- The Board discussed in preparation for next week's meeting with the Building Inspector their concerns with his request to change his hours to evening only. The Board will present to the Building Inspector next week some options for moving forward: asking Don to adjust his new schedule so that he can be here from 7 – 10am one weekday, or hiring an additional inspector to split the hours/responsibilities/salary so that there are day and evening hours. They also discussed the need to have weekly reports submitted that detail the number of inspections, calls, etc. similar to what is submitted by the Police and Administrative Assistant. The Board also showed interest in creating a post application anonymous survey to homeowners and contractors regarding their experience with evening only hours.
- M. Noe updated the Board that Baystate Municipal Accounting has secured an auction company for properties that were taken that we will be selling. A motion was made to appoint Treasurer Stephenie Gosselin as the Tax Possession Custodian. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. They also discussed when they would like the auction to be held, all agreed to late April prior to the annual town meeting.
- The Board reviewed and discussed Town Counsel's responses to questions about adopting ordinances for commercial, recreational marijuana retail regulations. It was agreed that this will require more discussion and will be discussed further with the Planning Board and at future Select Board meetings. All were in agreement that any proposed changes to our bylaws need to be advertised really well so that all interested parties may comment.
- The Board signed a letter to the towns that were invited to participate in the free mattress collection informing them that the program is ending and we will no longer be able to collect mattresses from their communities after January 30, 2019.
- Carol requested permission from the Board to continue acting as the liaison with Berkshire Regional Planning on the Green Communities grant; permission was granted.
- Don inquired about the status of getting a price to fix the railings on the Curtis Rd Bridge; we are waiting for an estimate.
- Don asked about the status of evaluating the Bally Gally property; Kenn is working with other local landlords on this but the initial findings are that the rent we are charging is in line with other similar properties.
- Warrants were signed.
- Minutes from 12/19/18 were approved.
- Mail was reviewed.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at: 3:45pm

Submitted by:

Melissa Noe, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Monterey Select Board

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