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# Select Board Meeting Minutes 2/21/18

## Select Board Minutes of the meeting of 2/21/18

**Meeting Opened at:** 4pm

**Select Board Members Present:** Steve Weisz, Chairperson, Carol Edelman (Carol left at 5:10pm) and Kenneth Basler

**Also in attendance:** June Wolfe, Jane Ralph, John Arthur, Julio Rodriguez, Kay Purcell, Mary Makuc

### Miscellaneous Items Reviewed:

- The Board met with representatives of Construct and our Council on Aging to discuss senior housing and/or affordable housing options. Jane explained that the biggest need for housing is for the 18-35 range. Construct puts together a funding plan and does a market study. First steps would be to determine who needs housing, what property would we use, what does the town want and what is the affordable base? Construct could be contracted to do this for us. Environmental, marketing and feasibility studies are required (estimated to cost the town up to \$10,000). Construct recommended shopping around as there are other entities that perform these services. The COA is recommending using the land that abuts the ball field and the firehouse. The Board will discuss this further at a future meeting.
- Justin of Baystate Municipal Accounting Group came in to report on the following:
  - a. Free cash – We'll have the number by the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting
  - b. Revenues from FY17 are finally done and we are only off \$74 which will be recorded as misc income.
  - c. FY17 Payrolls have been examined – during this process it was found there have been inaccuracies in the past, prior to BMA issuing them; BMA is researching the why, how and who this affects (if anyone).
  - d. The Select Board discussed changing unemployment insurance to a self-funded account, and the Board was in favor of considering this option, and is seeking more information on the process.
  - e. Town owned parcels: A motion was made to begin the process to look into any town owned properties that could be auctioned off. The motion was seconded and approved. Justin will follow up with the Tax Collector to determine how many properties there are.
- The Board issued a warning that no one should be on the ice on Lake Garfield; we recently had an ice rescue.
- There is a Broadband meeting scheduled for 9am on Friday. Carol has recused herself from anything having to do with Broadband. The remaining members of the Select Board agreed to work together with the Broadband Committee to request additional funds from MBI to provide funding for high speed internet in Monterey.
- Town Clerk's weekly report was reviewed and time off request was approved.
- Administrative Assistant's weekly report was reviewed.
- Police Chief's weekly report was reviewed.
- The Board accepted Fiona deRis' resignation from the Cultural Council.
- The Board accepted the rates for the FY19 health benefits. Our renewal increase will be 2.75% (1.25% less than last year).

**A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at:** 5:30pm

Submitted by:

Melissa Noe, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Monterey Select Board

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