
Select Board Meeting Minutes 4/12/17

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Minutes of the meeting of 4/12/17

Meeting Opened at: 9am

Select Board Members Present: Kenn Basler (left at 10am), Chairperson, Steve Weisz and Carol Edelman

Also in attendance: Dennis Lynch

Miscellaneous Items Reviewed:

- Dennis Lynch came in for a final nod to research the ADA grant the Board sent to him last week. The Board gave the approval to move forward.
- The Board made a final review of the proposed budget including the suggestions made by Jon Sylbert.
 - a. It was agreed that the changes suggested by Jon were from only one member of the Finance Committee and it was agreed to stay with the formal/final votes made at the posted Finance Committee meetings.
 - b. The Finance Committee as a whole has recommended lowering the amount to be put into stabilization from \$190k to \$150k. The Board agreed.
 - c. The Finance Committee as a whole has recommended using free cash for the repaving/repair of the town hall driveway/parking lot. The Board agreed.
 - d. The Finance Committee now approves the \$8k being requested for the Community Center Operations, but still disapproves of the \$50k being requested for the weed mitigation of Lake Garfield.
 - e. With regards to the \$50k being requested for the weed harvesting of Lake Garfield, the Lake Garfield Working Group is requesting that the wording be changed from “weed harvesting” to “a milfoil remediation program”; discussion ensued. It was agreed to change it to “milfoil harvesting and containment”.
 - f. The Finance Committee as a whole has recommended removing the article requesting \$35k for the engineering study of the library dam as they have done some research and found that there are grants available that might pay for or help to pay for the study. The Board concurred.
 - g. The Board approved the informational letter to be sent out with the warrant.
- Maggie Leonard, Co-Chair of the Planning Board came in to report that the Planning Board has finished the Hume site plan review and has approved it with conditions (limiting hours of construction, pay for a police detail during construction and no noise from 9pm to 9am, limit camp announcements and provide 48hours notice to neighbors for events that will use outdoor amplified noise).
- Carol has contacted one of the accountant applicants to let her know we have decided hold off on a final decision to hire an individual and to use the accounting firm for now; letters will be sent.
- Town Administrator help wanted ad: suggestions were made and accepted. It was agreed to advertise right away. The 5 current parties interested in being on the Town Administrator Resume Review Committee will be contacted with suggestions for additional members and to request input on the job description.
- Steve reported that he has spoken with Ben regarding his position at the transfer station. He needs time to recover but is still interested in returning to work. A motion was made to offer Beth Parks the position until a final decision can be made. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Steve will inform the transfer station attendants that the current shed they are using will remain for now at the old location until operations can be fully assessed.
- Clerk's office: Steve will speak with the Town Clerk this weekend to confirm what still needs to be moved in the records room, putting the shelves back up and hiring temporary help to finish sorting/organizing the records.
- The Lake Garfield Working Group will be holding an informational session to discuss its work and the warrant item on Monday, May 1st at 7pm at town hall.
- Mail was reviewed which included:
 - a. Grant opportunity – this will be forwarded to our grant writers.
 - b. Notification of a Berkshire Communities Green Network meeting.
 - c. Quarterly report of the Friends of Wilson McLaughlin

- Minutes from 4/5/17 (2) were approved.
- Administrative Assistant's weekly report was reviewed.
- Police Chief's weekly report was reviewed.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at: 11am

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Monterey Select Board

cc: Website (www.montereyma.gov)
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Town Clerk