

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, December 27, 2016

Howard Bronstein and Phil Lococo were present; Leslie Rule was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of December 13, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

Howard, Paula, and Mert, Jr. acknowledged Phil's last meeting with appreciation. "Thank you" is simply not an adequate sentiment for 18 ½ years of service as a member of the Select Board.

### Highway Department

Mert Taylor, JR., Highway Superintendent, stated the department is using a lot of sand and salt since the onset of winter and may exceed the FY'17 Winter Roads Account. He also noted substantial repairs to trucks and equipment which may result in a deficiency in the Machinery Upkeep Account.

The new truck should arrive by the end of winter. Mert is considering the purchase of an additional truck with next year's Chapter 90 funds.

### Board of Health

Board of Health Chair Ellen Dupont informed the Board of a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) concerning their findings of several instances when the gate to the transfer station was found to be unlocked. "The Town is required to restrict access to the transfer station when it is not open and staffed." Ellen noted the lock and keys have been changed several times and she currently does not have a key. Options to remedy the situation were discussed; the Town has until March 1, 2017 to comply with the restricted access condition. Claude DuPont suggested a pile of sand outside of the gate for public use during the winter months.

Allan Roberts was also in attendance.

Howard agreed to discuss the situation with Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr.

### 2017 License Renewals

Phil move to renew the 2017 Class II license for Jamie Wooldridge d/b/a Central Street Farm & Garage. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

The Alcoholic Beverage license certificates for M&J Fortier and Green Mountain Variety & Liquor were signed.

#### Animal Control Officers

Phil moved to nominate Warren Kirkpatrick as the Certified Animal Control Officer and Casey Dwyer as Assistant Animal Control Officer for 2017. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

#### Correspondence

Kimberly Longey has submitted the “readiness submission form” to MassTech. The form is required before the Town can receive its portion of state funding for the last mile of fiber optic construction.

Addendum 2 has been posted on the MBI website regarding the RFP for Last Mile Grants to provide broadband service to unserved towns in Western Massachusetts.

The Governor has released the funds for the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) according to PVPC.

The Board received notice of the Complete Streets Design Manual from Sarah Bankert, Healthy Hampshire Program Manager.

Notice of the Conflict of Interest law Education Requirements was received.

Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary