

Town Of Williamstown
Board of Selectmen Meeting

Williamstown Middle High School Library

8/10/2015

7:00 PM

Board Members: **Larry Hebert, Chair**
Matt Rouleau, Vice Chair
Rodney Graham, Selectman
Scott Vaillancourt, Selectman
Ed McGlynn, Selectman (Absent)

Town Manager: Jacqueline Higgins

Administrative Assistant: Donald Angolano

Present: Horace Duke Jr., Kathleen Lott, Barbara Graham, Rodney Graham, Tom Garden, Earl Everhart, Richard Giuld, Mary Giuld.

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Larry at 7:00 PM

Set Agenda: Matt moves to set the agenda as written. Scott Seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Review of Public Comment: N/A

Selectboard Announcements: Planning Commission meeting every Wednesday to finalize the Town Plan for September Selectboard meeting.

Public Announcements: Barb reminds the public that she is to be out of the office for medical procedure starting August 31, 2015; until further notice. The hours of the Town Clerk's office will be from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday.

Review and Approve Minutes: Matt moves to accept the minutes as written. Scott Seconds.

5-0. So Voted.

Review and Approval of Warrants: Scott moves to accept PR warrants and SB Warrant as presented. Francis Seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Town Manager Report: SEE ATTACHED

New Business:

- **Trilan Solar Project:** Larry Hebert recused himself from the board. Triland Solar intends to apply to the state Public Services Board for a 2.2 Megawatt solar facility on Hebert Land off of Hebert Road. The solar farm would operate on a 25 year lease and as state law is written the land will be returned to its original condition at the end of the 25 years. The Selectboard has no objections to the solar farm and will consider writing a letter to the Public Services Board at the next meeting. Otherwise no other action taken on the matter.
- **Class IV Roads Request:** Two requests for gravel on Class IV roads were received by the manager. Matt moves to grant \$1,000 for gravel material for both roads. Scott seconds. 5-0. So moved. Young Rd. (Sheridan) Flint Rd. (Werrick)
- **Town Clerk (RE: Assistant's Pay):** Barbara requests that her assistant be granted the \$.50 an hour raise that other town employees received. She feels that her assistant works hard and is present at the request of Barbara any time she is needed. The Selectboard believes that her assistant was given a significant raise within the last 3 years and that she is currently paid appropriately. There was a budget set for the Assistant's pay this year and the board feels that the budget that was approved by the town residents should be adhered to as much as possible.

Horace Duke was present and learned that he also did not get a raise as others did. He was under the presumption do to a recollection from a previous meeting that he was to get a raise as well. However, that was not the decision made by the Selectboard. Horace expresses his disappointment and asks that the Selectboard be clear going forward.

Ed moves to grant and increase of \$.50 per hour to Horace Duke and Cecelia Miller. Francis Seconds. 3(Larry, Scott, Matt)-2(Ed, Francis). Vote fails. No increase in pay for this budget cycle. Selectboard requests that any increase in pay be presented for next year's budget.

- **Lister's Error and Omissions:** Matt moves to accept Lister's error and omissions as presented. Scott Seconds. 5-0. So voted.

- **Set Tax Rate:** Matt moves to set the Tax Rate as presented. Francis seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Old Business:

- **SCBA Update:** Fire Department is going to wait for a new grant cycle to be open and apply for a grant to help cover the expense of replacing air packs for the Fire Department. Tanks are safe for Fire Fighters and in the event that failure occurs before the grant cycle is open, the Fire Department will use its budget to replace the packs as needed.

Open Public Comment and Questions: Earl Everhart mentions the NFPA standards for fire apparatus and replacement of tires. Board acknowledges the concern and Town Manager will have Fire Chief take inventory of apparatus tires.

Horace Duke asks if Hebert Road will be paved. Presented previous board vote many years ago that indicated the road would be paved in small sections until completion. The board indicates that at the costs today it is unlikely the road will be paved. However, there is planned rehab work for Hebert Road with a hydraulic study being completed. This should begin next year.

Around the Table:

L. Hebert –

M. Rouleau –

R. Graham –

S. Vaillancourt – Thanks Horace for his report.

E. McGlynn –

Adjourn: Matt moves to adjourn. Ed seconds. 5-0. So Voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.