

Williamstown Selectboard Meeting

July 8, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Williamstown Public Safety Building

Larry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Set the Agenda: Agenda set as written.

Review of Open Public Comments: None

Selectboard Announcements:

Tyler thanked all the people involved with the Hometown Hero Banners.

Tyler stated that the Dog Ordinance and Animal Cruelty Ordinance Committee had their first meeting at 3:00 p.m. today. Aaron Roberts is Chair, Samantha Punchar is Vice-Chair, Mandy Imburgio is clerk. Next meeting will be held on 7/22/24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

Public Comments: None

Barre Town EMS Report:

David Danforth, BTEMS Director updated that from January 1 to June 30th there were three hundred calls. This was a 45% increase over last year's calls. The average response time is 8 minutes 6 seconds. Just under 10% of the runs came from other stations. Barre Town passed their budget and there is a reduction to the Town of Williamstown per capita rate. Which is not \$65.00 per capita. This will reduce our budgeted costs to BTEMS by \$40,000.00. BTEMS will be showing off the newest ambulance purchased, which now has Williamstown name added to the town's serviced on the Ambulance.

Working through the Fire Department being toned out for accidents. Will need a letter of agreement between the town and VSP and possible OCSD to get the Fire Department toned out for all accidents. Selectboard is in favor of moving forward with the process. The concern was brought up to not let the cost become a burden to the taxpayers. Willam stated that the insurance billing was taking care of most of the cost. Will work up an agreement and bring back to the board for review.

Fast Squad Update: None

Commissions/Committees/Trustees/Other Board Announcements: None

Approve Warrants: Clayton made motion to approve SB102, SB103, SB104, SB105 and SB106. Scott second. So moved. Larry recused himself.

Approve Payroll Warrants: Soctt made motion to approve payroll warrant 6/16/24 and 6/30/24. Clayton second. So moved.

Approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes: Clayton made motion to approve 6/10/24 meeting minutes. Scott second. So moved.

Town Manager Report: See Attached

New Business: None

Old Business:

Hoyt/Seaver Ball Field Fence Construction and Property Line Boundaries: Chris Dessureau offered \$1500.00 to purchase the .048-acre triangle behind his apartment building. The cost entailed for fence repair/relocation, new survey, legal fees and closing cost will come to \$9000.00.

Dessureau then offered \$5000.00 which the Selectboard would still not accept. Dessureau then upped the offer to \$8500.00. Tyler stated that if he would bring the purchase price to \$9000.00 to cover all costs the board may consider the offer. Dessureau then offered \$9000.00. Tyler made a motion to accept the \$9000.00 offer to purchase the piece of land. Scott second. So moved. Jackie will email Dessureau when all the documents are ready for closing at the Town Office.

Around the Table: Tyler asked to have Dennis Delena, a former teacher at Williamstown School in everyone's thoughts and prayers as fire completed destroyed his home.

Barbara Graham stated that the primaries will be held in the Middle/High School Library on August 13. Absentee ballots can be requested from the Town Clerk's office now.

Executive Session: Not needed.

Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Higgins

Larry Hebert

Chris Wade

Clayton Woodworth

Scott McCarthy

Tyler Mitchell