



Selectboard Minutes July 31, 2024

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Ann Marie Visconti, Chair with Curt Robie and Tamarin Laurel-Paine present. Sean Curran, Town Administrator and Mark W. Doane, Administrative Assistant were also present. Town Residents present were Kenneth Murray, Adair Laurel-Cafarella, and Doreen Black. Bill Girard, Building Inspector was in attendance as well.

The Building Inspector was present to review and discuss enforcement of town zoning by-laws surrounding un-permitted dwellings and the number of unregistered vehicles on property. Ann Marie read an article that was sent to her about how the Town of Lee handles unregistered vehicles. Bill Girard stated that after you notify a person of violations of zoning codes, that the next step, if no compliance, is to begin legal proceedings against the offenders. Following this, a rather lengthy discussion of a heated nature took place concerning the enforcement of zoning by-laws and use of non-residential buildings for housing.

The Town Administrator reported that the movers from A to Z would be in the Town Hall on August 1 to begin moving the three classrooms into the auditorium, in preparation of asbestos floor abatement.

Ann Marie reported:

1. she is working on a playground grant through Melissa Cryan, Grant Programs Supervisor.
2. Hampshire Regional Public Health has begun digitalizing septic plans that the town has on file.
3. Ed Orlowski weed wacked at the Post Office
4. The Town Park Committee is working on the Town Park to make it attractive for the weekend of the Middlefield Fair. The next work bee is Sunday, August 4, 2024
5. Linda Cernak from HRMC reported that inspections are coming for area transfer stations. Linda also reported that spot inspections will be occurring, as additional inspectors have been hired.
6. Still waiting on a report for the Skyline Dump Capping as well as the survey at the current transfer station.

Curt Robie reported:

1. He has composed, and distributed, a proposed by-law change for the Senior Work Off program that would also include Veteran's. It was recommended to make it two different articles, and that further discussion would be required as to who would be responsible for tracking hours etc.. Curt reported he will continue to work on two different articles.

2. The Town Hall Fire System is beginning to act up again. Lee Audio reports that the equipment we are currently using has not been updated in years. Lee Audio will come in and give a price to update the system.

A discussion took place about the office configuration once the classrooms are completed. Further discussion to occur and a meeting will be held with the employees it impacts.

Maureen Longobardi, by unanimous vote of the Selectboard, was appointed to the Historical Commission. Jonathan Freiermuth has resigned from the Finance Committee. One letter of interest was read, and the vacancy will also be posted on the website, to see if any other individuals are interested in the vacancy. Catya Belfer has resigned as Chair of the Library Trustees. The position will be posted on the website for candidates interested in the position. Both positions, the Finance and Library Trustee, are elected positions, and as such, the Selectboard will take recommendations for filling those positions until the next town election.

Kirsten Henshaw, Treasurer, will be investing more money in the MMDT.

Thomas Irwin, from Dalton, then presented on the potential Regional EMS Facility at the Dalton Fire Station. Tom is hoping to see a regional facility with supporting satellite areas for ambulance service. Many questions were asked about specifics, but it is too early in the planning phase to answer those types of questions. Tom did leave information that he has collected, and reported that he is talking to other towns about this concept. He is hoping the Town will write a letter of support cc'ing to Sen. Paul Mark, Rep. Nick Boldyga, and Anne Gobi.

Adair Laurel-Cafarella talked about the stabilization account and asking that a statement from the accountant is needed for a \$90,000.00 transfer that was made.

There was no old business, new business, or public input. It was announced that the next Selectboard meetings will be August 14, and August 28. Due to floor repairs, the meetings will be held at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark W. Doane
Administrative Assistant

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair

Curt Robie, Member

Tamarin Laurel-Paine, Member