

Selectboard Minutes
March 9, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

Present: Ann Marie Visconti, Chair; Tonya Santaniello; Curt Robie
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA)

Also in attendance: Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent; Suzanne Lemieux, Town Clerk; Joe Kearns, Finance Chair; Ken Murray; Adair Laurel-Cafarella

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$12,044.93; Expenses: \$38,496.02

Minutes of 1/26/22, 2/9/22 and 2/23/22 approved on motions by Ann Marie, Tonya 2nd; vote 3-0.

Skip met with board to have them sign Chapter 90 requests.

Mail: nothing of importance

Conflict with all boards meeting on April 9th as MMA is holding their regional meeting in Easthampton the same day. Board opted to attend MMA meeting and postpone All boards meeting.

Discussion of articles to appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, Curt will draft articles relating to establishing stabilization funds for school as well as Capital Projects. Special Town Meeting on March 26th, will have architect attend so he may give explanation of repairs needed and have handout available.

Municipal Vulnerability Plan grant, town's Hazard Mitigation Plan does qualify for grants but should have a separate MVP plan. Commonwealth Consulting is willing to do plan at no cost to town as cost would be built into plan.

Freedom of Information charges were discussed next. TA said anything that takes less than an hour to perform is not eligible to charge requester. There have been incidents when a charge is required that most have dropped their requests. The hourly charge is \$25.

Curt is attempting to set up a face-to-face meeting with the Director of PVPC, they are currently only doing remote/Zoom meetings.

Old business: Curt advised he was in Contact with Tom Dunphy and Matt Barstow regarding the possible switch in emergency dispatch to Northampton. The cost of dispatch is currently free but there would be associated costs with converting the radios. There would be a call protocol in dispatching ambulance response that the town would be able to make, i.e., first choice 2nd and further choices to respond. Northampton will also be able to make mutual aid call outs.

Green grant, TA has been in constant contact with Darek Chomiak at Energy Resources as time is running short on the grant. He was advised all is with Eversource for final approval.

Curt motioned to adjourn, Tonya 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair

Tonya Santaniello

Curt Robie