

Selectboard/BOH Minutes
March 23, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:30pm as Board of Health meeting

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

Also present: Adair Laurel-Cafarella; Ken Murray; Joe Kearns, Finance Chair;
Skip Savery, Highway Superintendent; Loren Devine Public Health nurse of
HPHPC; Kristen Smidy, Gateway Superintendent.

Loren advised board of Public Health Excellence grant that has been awarded to
Northampton, it is a 3-year grant and covers the HPHPC communities. This grant
allowed for the hiring of Public Health Nurses, compiling health data and analysis,
running health clinics. The next phases would include providing health inspection
services, food inspection and septic.

There is also a trailer that is available for various functions, i.e., clinics, CPR
classes, etc. There was continued discussion as to the positives of the grant and that
the COVID outbreak showed the weaknesses in the State's health system.

Loren was thanked for her attendance and the BOH meeting was adjourned at
7:03pm on motion by Ann Marie and Curt 2nd; vote 3-0.

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Warrants reviewed and signed: Payroll: \$19,935.41; Expenses: \$176,430.87

Minutes approved on motion by Ann Marie; 2nd by Curt; vote 3-0.

Kristen met with Board to review upcoming budget for Gateway, there is a .48%
increase. She has been promoting the welding and early childhood education
programs. They also are capable of providing braille embossing for children with
sight deficiency. Gateway has received \$380,000 grants so far this year. There was
continued discussion regarding COVID and masking. Curt said he was impressed
with the physical condition of the schools when he walked through. Kristen was
thanked for here participation.

Snow budget overage discussed next; this account may be deficient spent and board voted to increase budget by additional \$15,000. This should cover the reset of the winter expenses.

All boards meeting to be held on April 30 8:30am-noon.

Senior Center project cost to increase by \$200 as Brett will provide handouts at the meeting.

Selectboard report due for the Annual Town Report.

Curt provided information from PVPC; they do not receive any direct funding from the state but funding is provided as part of grants that are awarded. He met with some of the staff and found it helpful.

Commonwealth Municipal Consulting will assist in our MVP grant at no charge.

Old business: EV charging station could be constructed on Town property and grants are available to cover the costs.

Adair questioned if paper ballots could be requested at the Special Town Meeting this Saturday.

Curt motioned to adjourn, Tonya 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair

Tonya Santaniello

Curt Robie

