

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: October 23, 2013

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom and Mike McCallum
Steve Ingerson - absent

Time: 7:11 p.m.

2) Request to approve minutes of June 6, 2013 as recorded.

Tabled to the next Selectmen's meeting.

3) Request to approve minutes of June 19, 2013 as recorded.

Tabled to the next Selectmen's meeting.

4) Request to approve minutes of September 25, 2013 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

5) Motion to approve minutes of October 9, 2013 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

After vote LW stated she had received several phone calls regarding a comment MM made to her in regards to her not going to the proper town official (Treasurer) to get her information in regards to a document she requested. She would like it corrected in the minutes. She maintains she was not given the proper information as to who to contact. LW suggested to MM that he read the law as to what should go in the minutes.

6) Warrant #W15P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$59,486.10 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan
MM Abstain from line with
Jean Lindquist

7) Warrant #W16B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$184,329.95 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

LW asked why the Warrant was so high. MM read off some of the higher amounts and what they were for.

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Request for Selectmen's Approval of Energy Baseline and Energy Reduction Plan and Signatures on Notification Letter regarding Approval (Jim Hubert):

Citizen asked what would happen if upgrades were higher than the grant. Answer from Jim was that we do not have to complete 20% in five years. If we find we cannot afford the bids, we will not do it. MM stated most of the projects are small. The largest one would be replacing the boiler in the Town Hall and that would probably come in under the grant money. States we have 5 years to reduce the town's energy consumption in the Town Buildings and in the Town Vehicles. Oct. 30, 2013 is the last day to apply for the grant. As a Green Community we are able to obtain approximately \$130,000. She cited some examples of how the town can conserve energy and gas to be eligible for the grant. He referred to the paperwork he had to let the BOS know some of the things that the grant money could be spent on.

8) Motion to approve the Energy Baseline and Energy Reduction Plan and sign on Notification Letter of approval.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Request for Selectmen to sign and approve on Subordination Agreement for FY03 Housing Rehab Septic Program Participant (Beth Ann Scheid):

Beth Ann and Mike explained to resident what this entails.
Lois Raymond attended to notarize Selectmen's signatures.

9) Motion to approve and sign on Subordination Agreement for FY03 Housing Rehab Septic Program Participant.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

Any other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

LW asked to bring an issue forward. LW says this has been brought forward before by her and "she was not treated very fairly". She then read her letter stating that no EMS service was available to our citizens (see attached letter from Lillian Whitney). Chairman told LW she will look into this and get back to her. Citizen asked for an explanation of how emergency services worked in Town. MM explained that this is an on-call EMS department made up of volunteers. At 4:26 p.m. when call came in most people are not home from their full time jobs yet to respond. We do now have one full-time EMT along with the Fire Chief for coverage during the day.

Public comments (if any):

Lillian Whitney read letter regarding an invitation from the Ayer Historical Commission to invite the Ashby Historical Society to a rededication of the Camp Stevens Memorial on November 2, 2013 at 11:a.m. at 111 Fitchburg Road, Ayer, MA. She read a list of some of the men in the letter.

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Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report.

Read by MM

Information on Trick or Treat and parking from the Police Dept.

Donations of candy for Main St. residents are being collected at the school.

Flu Clinic

Legion hosting Halloween Dance

Veteran's Day Service

ZBA Hearing

NMRHS Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast.

MRPC Annual Dinner

Pete Capone, Ashby's Representative to the Montachusett Regional Vocational High School came to address the BOS in regards to the possibility of the school helping with the building of a new Police Station and who they could contact in regards to this.

10) Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____