

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: July 30, 2014

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Steve Ingerson

Time: 7:07 p.m.

2) Selectmen approve minutes of July 16, 2014 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI - Abstain

3) Selectmen approve minutes of July 23, 2014 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI - Abstain

4) Warrant #W03 approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$ 56,656.70 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI - Abstain

5) Warrant #W04B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$1,002,270.56 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI - Abstain.

Discussion re: Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan (John Hume, MRPC)

Information was handed out to the BOS and if anyone is interested in reading this info they can get copies and they would welcome comments and edits from the residents. MM suggested MRPC email the DRAFT to Alan Pease so he can put it up on the Town's website. JH has AP's email & will do that. He went through the Power-Point and explained what this entailed.

A grant was obtained for MRPC and examples of what the grant would cover were explained.

Disaster Grant is to help towns with pre-existing problems that could be fixed before a disaster strikes, ie: Culverts for flooding.

The process was explained as to what was done in conjunction with the Town and included a team that worked with the various depts. in town to work on a plan that they would need to be approved by FEMA. Past and potential hazards were addressed.

Mitigation was also updated.

Last step needing to be taken is by the BOS for a final adoption of the plan.

A letter of approval would then be sent to the BOS and MRPC.

LW asked what the advantage is for Ashby.

Answer: Various ways for the town to benefit was explained.

Question: Is there a cost to the Town?

Answer: No cost

MM asked about pre-existing conditions that would qualify the town for grant money?

Answer: JH will check but thinks culverts; tree clearing would be examples of pre-existing.

Discussion re: Build-Out and Development Impact Study (Alan Pease and Mark Archambault, Land Use Agent)

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Study was given to the BOS.

A DLTA grant was received to produce this study. Sub-divisions were discussed. Technical assistance to communities is funded with a grant that has been given to MRPC to help the Town and must be requested by the Town. Past grants have included the Town water feasibility study & examples of what other towns have used the technical assistance grants for.

An over-all explanation of the study was given and how the figures were obtained and how much potential building could be done in Town. A presentation with maps was done showing the land that is in Town. Past figures were given of building in Town for the past few years. This study helps the Planning Board plan for future growth of the Town. MM commented on a piece missing on one of the maps of land on South Rd. Both AP and MA stated they wanted the maps to be as accurate as possible. LW asked what the future plans were for the Planning Board to use this study for. Answer: Examples of what could be done were given.

6) Motion to approve and sign on 5 One Day Liquor Licenses for the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club for 2014.

August 10 th	-	Membership Meeting	#411
August 16 th	-	Annual Pig Roast	#412
August 23 rd	-	Pig Roast	#413
September 7 th	-	Archery Shoot	#414
September 13 th	-	Annual Chicken Barbeque	#415

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Steve Ingerson

Vote: Unan

Request for Selectmen's Signature's on a Letter of Thanks to William Seymour Jr.: This item postponed/passed over. The BOS received two letters today regarding this.

Request for Selectmen's Appointment of Administrative Board for Interim Management of the Fire/EMS Department: This item postponed/passed over.

LW asked if the Town was covered. JF stated yes. She also stated that the present Chief has pulled his retirement papers and is not retiring at this time. LW wanted an explanation as to why he can do this and states "there is something you are not telling us" to which JF gave her a copy of one of the letters she had proving he is not retiring.

SI feels this is creating a problem for the Town.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman: None

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Read by MM and available on Ashby Website.

Public Comments (If any)

7) Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Steve Ingerson

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____