

APPROVED ON 4/18/17

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING –April 4, 2017

Present: Thomas Wickham, Chairman, Patricia D. Carlino and David Consolati, Board of Selectmen and Robert Nason, Town Administrator.

Chairman, Thomas Wickham, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Public Session Minutes of March 21, 2017.*
2. **Public Hearing:** None
3. **General Business:** Dispatch Center Update – Police Chief, Jeff Roosa came before the Board to discuss a meeting that he requested with Sheriff Bowler, State 911 Director Frank Pozniak and Mr. Nason to explore the idea of sharing dispatch. This meeting was requested to discuss expected short falls in dispatch coverage due to the possibility of an upcoming retirement of a dispatcher. At this point, the Sheriff's Dept. covers 24 towns; 21 in Berkshire county and 3 outside of the county. The only ones in the county they don't currently cover are North Adams, Clarksburg, Great Barrington, Dalton, Windsor, Hinsdale, Lee, Tyringham, Pittsfield and Williamstown. Chief Roosa stated that in the past the Sheriff has been hesitant to take on Lee due to budgetary constraints. The State is now willing to provide funding because it would otherwise spend \$250,000 - \$300,000.00 to upgrade the dispatch center. The state has pushed off Lee's upgrade of our dispatch center until September of 2017, with the final date for total state switch over being October of 2017. The Sheriff stated that if we had man power short falls caused by retirement or employees finding other jobs, along with employees being offered training opportunities they could cover our open shift until the eventual complete take over planned in October of 2017.

Shared Chief Administrative Officer Intermunicipal Agreement – The Board members reviewed the final draft of the Agreement. Patty stated that the Committee has cleared up some of the language and is now working on how the two towns will govern. The Agreement will be put on the Town website for the public comment. After a brief discussion, *the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for public comment.*

May 11, 2017 Annual Town Meeting - The Board members reviewed the following documents: 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of the Warrant dated April 4, 2017 – Articles 1-5 and 8-47, Draft Classification (Article 6) and Compensation Plans, the Chapel Street over Greenwater Brook Bridge Replacement (Article 47) the Operating Budget Summary (Article 7, etc) and Property Tax Impact Estimate, the Summary of Warrant Articles and Funding Sources, the State Chapter (90) Local Transportation Aid Funding Apportionment \$290,265 - \$2,748 (0.9%) less than FY 2017 apportionment, the Capital Outlay and other Special Article Funding Requests and the Road Project Financing. Bob stated that we are still waiting on the Compensation Survey. He is also proposing increasing the Accountant's workweek hours from 37.5 hours to 40 hours to implement a December 2018 State Department of Revenue Division of Local Services recommendation that the Accountant be the designated Chief Procurement Officer. He stated that the one of the major cost increases is health insurance.

Household Hazardous Waste Steering Committee - *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Intent to participate in the Southern Berkshire Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program beginning its sixteenth year of operation on July 1, 2017.*

#### 4. Pending Business:

- a. Planning Board – Site Plan Review – South Church Associates – April 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing for a variance from the zoning Bylaws Section 199-10.3 – April 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM.
- c. Blanche Barlow Acres Trail – Update.

#### 5. Town Administrator:

- a. Mr. Nason presented a letter to the Board from newly appointed police officer Richard D. Roy requesting credit for his continuous full time service for the city of Chicopee in determining vacation time. *Mr. Nason recommended approval and the Board members voted unanimously to grant Mr. Roy's request to receive credit for his P*
- b. *continuous full time service in determining vacation time.*
- c. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's re-appointments of the following: 1) Veteran's Agent – Doug Mann 2) Sealer of Weights and Measures – Gerald Cahalan 3) Animal Control Officer – Michael Sullivan.*
- d. Mr. Nason presented to the Board a letter of resignation from Training Director/Paramedic Matthew Wilson and on that note, Mr. Nason announced that we will be hiring a Paramedic to take his place.
- e. FY 2017 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended March 31, 2017 - The FY 2017 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended March 31, 2017 are available on the Selectmen's worktable.

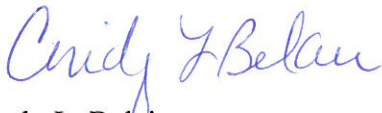
**6. Public Comments:**

Chair, Tom Wickham stated that he, as a contractor, visited the Ambulance Garage and noted that it is in dire need of repairs. i.e. doors, siding, etc.

Patty wished everyone to enjoy Passover and have a Happy Easter.

- 7. Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM.
- 8. Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,  
Selectmen's Secretary

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Town Clerk  
Town Collector  
Planning Board

Board of Assessors  
Board of Health  
Conservation Commission  
Police Chief  
Building Inspector

Dept. of Public Works  
Town Treasurer  
Town Reps. District Chairmen  
Superintendent of Schools  
Town Accountant