

## Select Board Minutes: May 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Donald Burke. Present were Select Board members Scott Wiley, Donald Burke and Marlene Libby. Also present were Road Commissioner Curtis Starrett, Jen Pendleton, John Fenner, Lorie Costigan, Fred Brown, Paul Gagnon, Peter Beckett, Sid Quarrier and Curt Lebel.

Minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting were accepted.

### **Interview for Assessors' Agent position:**

The Board interviewed Curt Lebel, CMA for the assessors' agent position. The other candidates will all have been interviewed or contacted telephonically before next meeting at which time a decision will be made.

### **Road Commissioner:**

The Board discussed the proposed 2016 Paving Bid Packet that proposes paving on Appleton Ridge Road and Collinstown Road. Burke said he could not support paving a new section of Appleton Ridge given the tight budget but was ok with it being in the bid proposal. Sid Quarrier addressed the Board, speaking against paving any new sections of Appleton Ridge. Wiley addressed the issue of using *chip seal* on roads rather than the traditional paving, as it is less expensive and is being used by neighboring towns. The Board agreed to add the option for *chip seal* on the proposed bid packet. Starrett emphasized the importance of getting the bid proposal out early. The Select Board Members will review the packet at the next meeting and give the ok to advertise.

### **Select Board:**

Warrants # 84, 85, 86 were signed.

The Board signed the contract for salt with Morton Salt through Knox County that had been accepted on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ideas for wall dividers for the Town Office to allow for Select Board meetings to be held in the meeting room were discussed. Town Clerk Pam Smith briefed the Board on requirements for voting that would have to be adhered to.

The Board signed the warrant for the upcoming AVS (K-8) budget special town meeting on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Office floors will be waxed on a non-work day – May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The new personnel policy was discussed and how it would affect accrued vacation and personal days (sick time) for office staff. Burke got a legal opinion from MMA Legal saying that previously earned vacation cannot be taken away. The Board agreed that vacation and personal time should be based on the Town's fiscal year, and discussed how they should be accrued throughout the year in the future.

Several articles for the Town Meeting Warrant were reviewed. The warrant and Town Report will go to the printer this week after proofing.

A discussion as to whether or not the CEO should research the width of the right-of-way on Rte 131 in the village was brought up again. Wiley has spoken with the CEO. Burke will speak with her also. It was suggested that the CEO furnish a monthly report to the Select Board listing activities.

Two recent Union Ambulance calls in Appleton were brought up and Burke will contact Union Town Manager Jay Feyler to get details.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Prepared by D. Burke