

**Selectboard
July 13, 2016
Town Offices
After the Special Town Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:14 6 pm by the Chair, Jonathan Edwards. Present were Selectboard members Paul Newlin and Frederick Orloski, Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston. Vendor and Payroll warrants were signed. Minutes from May 17 (open), 31 (open and executive) and June 3 (open) and 8 (open and executive) were signed.

Reorganization – The Board unanimously elected Paul Newlin as chair; Frederick Orloski as vice-chair and Jonathan Edwards as clerk. Department liaisons were assigned as follows: Paul Newlin – Treasurer/Collector; Frederick Orloski – Fire; Jonathan Edwards – Police/Highway.

Scheduled appointments

Johnathan Lavalee – Request to waive dog license late fee – Mr. Lavalee did not appear because his wife had previously paid the late fee.

Lynn Sibley – FRCOG appointment – The Board unanimously appointed Lynn Sibley as the FRCOG representative and Brian Domina as the alternate. Lynn provided some COG updates. The Board asked Brian to write a letter to legislators asking them to override the Governor’s veto of local assistance funding.

Judy Markland – Town Hall painting – Extensive discussion occurred regarding the CPA committee’s request to reconsider the Selectboard vote to not paint town hall. Motion was made, and seconded, to paint the east side of town hall with said project not to exceed \$15,000. Vote was majority (Paul – yes; Jonathan – yes; Fred – no). Fred emphatically stated he thought this was a waste of taxpayer dollars given much of it will be replaced in 1 – 2 years.

Public Comment – Discussion occurred regarding SCEMS housing. Bob Halla reported the school would very likely not be moving to the Whately town offices. A final vote will be taken by the school committee on August 4th.

Old Business

Project Priority List Update – Discussion occurred regarding the status of projects on the list and ones to add. The Board asked that water be given a higher priority. The Board requested the Water District and Water Department commissioners come to their next meeting to discuss the statues of the merger. The Board agreed Fred will be their water liaison going forwards.

Town Administrator Update

- a. The cell tower agreement successfully closed on June 30th. The funds were deposited in our bank on that date so it will be included as part of our FY17 free cash.
- b. The new town web site is live.
- c. The Board received the letter of support from Rep. Kulik and Sen. Rosenberg for the Haydenville Road/Mountain Street project which was sent to DOT Secretary Pollack.
- d. There were 56 people who attended the town hall site visit for the RFQ.

New Business

FRTA Alternate Representative – The Board unanimously voted to appoint Brian Domina as the FRTA alternate rep.

Franklin County Tech Building Subcommittee Meeting – This special meeting will be held July 18th.

Hannum Property Right of First Refusal – The Board unanimously agreed to waive the right of first refusal on the small triangular parcel off Haydenvill Road.

Summer Meeting Schedule – There are no changes to the Board’s summer meeting schedule at this time.

The agenda lists topics reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. The chair of the committee reserves the right to add items to the agenda that may not be listed here; additionally, members of the committee may have unanticipated concerns not listed here that they may bring to the committee. The Board signed Chapter 90 reimbursement request forms for Egypt Road.

Next Meeting dates

July 26, 2016
August 9, 2016
August 30, 2016
September 13, 2016

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Edwards, Clerk

Documents Used at Meeting and are on file in the Selectboard's Office

Vendor and Payroll warrants 17-02

Whately Priority Project list

6/28/16 letter from Stephen Kulik and Stan Rosenberg regarding Haydenville Road/Mountain Street

6/24/16 letter from FRTA regarding alternate representative

7/7/16 memorandum from Franklin County Technical School

6/23/16 documents from Stobierski & Connor

Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for Egypt Road