

**Selectboard
June 30, 2015
Center School
7:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:00. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Jonathan Edwards as chair, Paul Newlin as vice-chair and Fred Orloski as secretary. Also present were Town Administrator, Mark Pruhenski and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston.

Scheduled appointments – Joyce Palmer Fortune – FCAT Agreement and FY16 Budget – Joyce Palmer Fortune began her presentation by introducing Chris Collins, who will begin his position as the new FCAT general manager on Monday. She updated the Board on the status of franchise negotiations with Comcast. She is hopeful there will be an agreement some time before September. When there is an agreement she will ask the Board for their signatures. Joyce presented a budget which assumed no franchise agreement. There will be a new budget presented once an agreement is signed. The Board will approve the budget at their next meeting. Fred asked if FCAT has an audit report. Discussion occurred if FCAT was a large enough organization to require an audit. Joyce will check with their accountant regarding this issue.

Old Business

Town Office Consolidation/WMRLS Update – Mark reported the Purchase & Sale agreement will be ready for their signatures at the July 14th meeting. The Municipal Building Committee is working on finalizing a plan for renovations of the building. Their next meeting is July 14th at 1 pm. Employees and SCEMS Board of Oversight have been invited to give their input. Mark will be meeting with USDA to discuss financing of the building.

Mill River Stabilization Update – Mark reported we are on track to begin construction late summer or early fall. The next step is an RFP for construction.

Surplus Dump Truck – The Board voted unanimously to see the Highway Dump Truck to James Sarejvo from Swampscott, MA for \$10,000.

Cemetery Bids – The Board voted unanimously to approve Jonathan signing, as chair, a contract with Gravestone Services to restore 95 stones.

Special Town Meeting Date in September – The Board will decide a date for the special town meeting at their next meeting.

Tri-Town Beach Commission Appointment – There have been no recommendations for this position.

New Business

Fuel Bids Award – The Board voted unanimously to award the FY16 Fuel Bids as follows: #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel – Kieras; Gas – Sandri and Propane – Ostermann.

Reserve Fund Transfers – Mark reported the Finance Committee approved some reserve fund transfers to balance the year end budget. He will be asking for 3 more transfers next week.

List of Official/Employees who owe Conflict of Interest – Mark will have an updated list at the next meeting.

Whately Elementary School One Year Committee Appointment – Because the School Committee does not meet over the summer, this appointment will be addressed at an upcoming meeting. Matt Fortune has expressed interest in the position.

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services Open House – Mark plans to attend this open house July 8 in Greenfield.

Franklin Regional Dog Center – Sign Agreement – The Board unanimously approved Jonathan signed, as chair, this agreement.

Kathy Smith Memorial Donation – Donations can be made in Kathy's memory to the S.White Dickinson Library.

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. Mark Battey presented an application for a Class II license. The Board unanimously approved the application pending approval by the planning board. The fee will be pro rated for a 6 month license.

Town Counsel recommended issuing an RFP for the cell tower lease. The Board agreed it was important to keep this process moving.

Discussion occurred regarding the Audit Management letter. Concern was expressed regarding issues addressed in this letter. Mark will arrange a meeting with the Auditors, Ray, Nancy and Jonathan to discuss these issues.

The Board agreed to move "Public Comment" to the beginning part of the agenda.

Next Meeting dates
July 14, 2015 – 7 pm
July 28, 2015 – 7 pm
August 11, 2015 – 7 pm
August 25, 2015 – 7 pm

There being no further business to come before this meeting it was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Orloski, Clerk

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

Vendor and Payroll Warrants #15-27/16.01 (on file in the Accountant's Office)
Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Control Services
FCAT FY16 budget and agreement
Class II License for Mark Battey
Municipal Bid History for 2002 Chevrolet 8500 Dump Truck and Sander
General Contract for Services with Gravestone Services of New England
Bids contained in the FY16 Fuel Bids folder
Requests for reserve fund transfers with the finance committee
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services open house notice