

**Board of Selectmen
June 2, 2015
Center School
7:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Whately was called to order on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm by the Chair, Joyce Palmer Fortune. Present were Selectman, Jonathan Edwards, Town Administrator, Mark Pruhenski and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston. Minutes from the May 19, 2015 meetings were approved

Scheduled appointments – FL Roberts tank permitting – Frank Roberts from FL Roberts was present to discuss the installation of an 8000 gallon Diesel Exhaust Fluid tank of the Truck Stop/Diner. This tank is not regulated by either the Department of Fire Services or the Department of Environmental Protection. While this is not a toxic substance, the company is handling it at the highest level of security. Frank Roberts and the Board agreed the Fire Chief should make a final inspection of the tank. The Board voted unanimously to have Joyce Palmer Fortune sign, as chair, the Permit Application.

Old Business

Town Office Consolidation Update – Mark reported the first draft of the conceptual design for the WMRLS building and the Town Hall as a Community Center has been presented to the Municipal Building Committee. Modified final designs and associated costs should be available no later than Thursday. As soon as they are available, they will be put on the web site. There will be a public forum to present the plans/costs on Saturday, June 6 at 9 am at the Elementary School. The Board made small editing changes to the informational hand out regarding costs for the renovation of the WMRLS building. Mark will put a robo call out to residents on Wednesday reminding them of the upcoming public forum and the local election

New Business

Mill River Stabilization – This project remains on track for late summer or early fall construction. The federal permits are starting to be issued. When the permitting is finalized, funding from the FEMA grant will be released. The protection of the dwarf wedge mussel and the monkey flower has previously been addressed. Another issue for the Board to decide was the protection of the wood turtle. Mark presented two options for their consideration. The first was the property around the well could be given to a Land Trust. The amount of property involved is very small. There would be a lot of legal work, survey work and maintenance costs involved which would not make it a viable option for a land trust. The second option is to hire a researcher, like Mike Jones at UMass, to study and monitor this parcel before and after construction. The approximate cost is \$10,000 - \$12,000. The Board unanimously supported option 2. Mark will get a firm, detailed proposal for this work. He will also explore if negotiating to lower the amount of money is possible.

Cemetery IFQ – Mark reported two separate IFQ's were issued for the repair of cemetery tombstones. \$11,000 will be spent at the Center cemetery. \$8,000 will be spent at the West cemetery. Community Preservation funds plus a Veteran Services Civil War grant will pay for this project. Applications are due June 18th with the work to be completed by late fall.

Rec Commission resignations and appointments – The Board unanimously accepted the resignations of Patty Pirog, Chip DeForest and Denise Donohue from the Recreation Commission. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Wesley Smith, Tom Sadoski, Carol Hutkoski, Andrew Mihalak, Brian Bouchard and Chris Skroski to the Rec Commission for a one year term to expire June 30, 2016. The Board reaffirmed Jonathan Edward's appointment to the Rec Commission made November 25, 2014. His term will also expire June 30, 2016.

Tri-Town Beach resignation and appointment – The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Orloski-Perfido from the Tri-Town Beach Committee. There is no replacement for her at this time.

Hutkoski APR paperwork – The Board signed paperwork acknowledging notice of the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of the Scott and Wayne Hutkoski Agricultural Cultural Preservation Restriction and the reduction of the 120 day notice period.

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. Three proposals have been submitted regarding the American Cell Tower Lease. With the lease set to expire in 2017, they are having a difficult time signing up carriers. Preliminary pros and cons of the proposals were discussed. They will be discussed in more depth at the next meeting.

The Board signed the extension of the contract for recycling at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Jonathan urged Mark to strongly advocate to Jan Ameen to find a solution for recycling of Styrofoam.

Mark reported bike racks have been installed at the Center School, Library and Herlihy Park. Bottle/Can Recycling Bins have been installed at all town buildings. Mark will put the remaining bins at Herlihy Park and try to get more. Both of these actions fulfill requirements of the Green Communities designation.

Mark reported Maryanne Sadoski has resigned from the Finance Committee effective June 30, 2015. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee Chair, the Moderator, Paul Fleuriel, Jr. appointed James Kirkendall as her replacement.

The Board decided Mark should present the special permit applications for the WMRLS building and Town Hall to the ZBA Thursday night.

Next Meeting dates

June 16, 2015 – 7 pm

June 30, 2015 – 7 pm

July 14, 2015 – 7 pm

July 28, 2015 – 7 pm

There being no further business to come before this meeting it was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Newlin, Clerk

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

Vendor and Payroll Warrants #15-25 (on file in the Accountant's Office)

Application and plans for a Standard Permit for one 8000 gallon DEF tank

Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement

5/12/15 email regarding the resignation of Denise Donohue

5/13/15 email regarding appointments to the Rec Committee

5/27/15 email regarding the resignation of Maryann Sadoski

April 24, 2015 paperwork regarding the Scott and Wayne Hutkoski APR

Draft Town Office Consolidation Estimates