

**Selectboard
May 8, 2017
Town Offices
6:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on May 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm by the Chair, Paul Newlin. Present was Selectboard member Frederick Orloski, Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston. Minutes from the April 5 meeting was approved. Vendor and Payroll Warrants were signed previously.

Scheduled Appointments

Water Merger – District Representatives and Commissioners – Also present were Wayne Hutkoski, Paul Fleuriel, Jr., Nicholas Jones, Scott Jackson. Discussion occurred regarding the state of the merger. A map of the plan was reviewed. Ann Barker would like additional screening in front of the pump house. Wayne is getting cost scenarios for different size pumps.. Discussion occurred regarding establishing a task force. Members will include Fred Orloski, Brian Domina, John Hannum, Nicholas Jones, Scott Jackson, Wayne Hutkoski, the Water Commissioners and a member of the Finance Committee.

Old Business

Highway Truck – Surplus Property Declaration – The Board voted unanimously to declare the old highway truck surplus property.

Egypt Road Realignment – The Franklin Regional Council of Governments will be holding a hearing on May 11th at 5:30 pm. The Road Viewing will be held at 5 pm.

Whately Diner Licenses – Signatures required – The Board signed the transfer of the liquor license for the Diner. They unanimously approved pro rating the fee.

New Business

Permission to use bucket truck for town event – The Board unanimously gave permission to use the bucket truck to put up flags for the Memorial Day town event.

Town Administrator Updates – There will be a meeting tomorrow with Eversource to discuss the shared boom mower. Whately will be the lead town under the new agreement.

Paul agreed to walk in the Memorial Day parade and raise the flag.

Tomorrow is a meeting with other town administrators to discuss the regional school study.

Brian will be working with department heads to start performance evaluations.

CL Frank from Northampton was the low bidder to provide trees at the school.

Paul moved to go into Executive per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), subsection 6 to consider the lease of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, he so declared, and subsection 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel. The Board will not be returning to open session. Roll call vote: Paul – yes; Fred – yes.

Next Meeting dates

May 30 @ 6 pm
June 12 @ 6 pm
June 26 @ 6 pm?
July 10 @ 6 pm
July 31 @ 6 pm

Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Document List

Vendor and Payroll Warrants #17-23

4/19/17 letter from Keith Bardwell regarding the Highway Truck

4/28/17 letter from FRCOG regarding Egypt Road hearing

Email from Brian Domina regarding Memorial Day Parade

4/15/17 letter from Keith Morris regarding herbicide spraying