

Selectmen's Minutes 01/10/2018

Minutes of Meeting – January 10, 2018; meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Present: Dave Roche; Ken Fowler; Warren Archey; Channing Gibson; Ed Lane.
MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to accept the Minutes of December 13. 5/0 vote.

Citizen's Open Forum: Kate McNulty-Vaughan reminded everyone that there will be a Short Term Rental forum on January 20 at 10am in the Town Hall auditorium.

Consent Agenda: MOTION by WA, seconded by CG to approve the consent agenda as follows:
Permission for a sandwich board sign in front of Town Hall from 1/12-20 to advertise the short-term rental meeting; set seasonal population estimate at 10,000 for purposes of seasonal liquor licenses; accept donations to the Fire Department; accept donations to the Police Department; one-day W&M license to Ventfort Hall for Sunday, 1/21 from 5-9pm. 5/0 vote.

The CAO presented his preliminary FY19 budget to the Board. The total preliminary budget figure is \$28.2M, with capital expenditures coming in at \$1.6M. He enumerated the outstanding issues that could affect the proposed budget figures, i.e., health insurance rates, state funding.

BOS Reports: KF reminded everyone that real estate taxes are due February 1; the Planning Board continues to work hard on their projects, and the Environmental Committee is getting ready to set new goals for 2018. WA stated that he attended the MA Tree Warden meeting, and that he is gearing up to meet with NE Grid to determine which trees are in the way of power lines and need trimming or removal. CG mentioned that Youth Services Director Jenny Lemberg has resigned to be the P&R Director in Hadley. DR stated that he attended the recent Library board meeting, and that things appear to be going smoothly with the transition to a town department. He also mentioned that he met with Lee Selectman Dave Consolati, and that he is pleased with how the shared CAO is working out.

By roll call, CG, DR, EL, KF and WA voted to go into Executive Session at 7:22pm to discuss strategy with respect to acquisition/disposition of interest in real property: 1) Peter's Farm; 2) 293 Main Street. Also, to discuss strategy with respect to ongoing litigation (EPA Rest of River Cleanup).

Minutes Taken By: _____
Mary Ellen Deming
Director of Administrative Services

Minutes Accepted By: _____
Clerk
Board of Selectmen