

Board of Selectmen Meeting:
Memorial Town Hall Conference Room
Chairman:

Edmund E. Jaworski

Nov. 28, 2018 @ 6:00pm
Approved: March 6, 2018

Present: Edmund Jaworski, Jr., Chair, Brian Moriarty, Selectman, Cindy Doty, Selectman, Marlene Michonski, Town Administrator, Edwina Palmisano, and Sharon Strzegowski, Treasurer/Collector's Office

Selectman Jaworski opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Announcements –

It was announced that the town was not awarded a Massworks grant for routes 5 & 10. We will reapply in the Spring. Tomorrow is Special Town Meeting at the Hatfield Elementary School at 7pm. We are trying to save a \$200,000.00 grant.

Minutes-

Selectman Moriarty moved to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes for November 20. Selectman Doty seconded. The motion was approved.

Public forum – NA

Eversource Public Hearing- Karla Cacho, Eversource representative

Selectman Jaworski read the hearing announcement. The request is to refeed the house at 48 Main Street. A pole is to be set on customer property. There being no questions, nor public comments, Selectman Jaworski closed the hearing. The Board then granted permission to NStar, as specified in the request on motion of Selectman Jaworski seconded by Selectman Moriarty.

Inspection Services Update - Kyle Scott, Building Commissioner

Mr. Scott reported his department is busy and new businesses are interested in coming to town and looking for sites. New solar projects are coming up. Commercial building is picking up with a new recycling structure going up. Helena chemical's new building is nearly complete. Mr. Scott is also working on updating the fee schedule. Selectman Moriarty thanked Mr. Scott and Mr. Genovese for their time and energy working on the grant application though the outcome was disappointing. Ms. Michonski followed up with Massworks regarding tweaking the application.

Appointment –

Selectman Moriarty moved to appoint Robert Shea as an Election Worker. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved.

Selectman Jaworski took Treeworks out of order.

Selectman Jaworski said the paperwork has gone to legal counsel. He suggested this might be accepted in principle. Selectman Doty said she was not comfortable signing off on anything unless it is in its final state. Selectman Moriarty said he would also feel more comfortable with the final thing.

Tim Kane, Treeworks, said both attorneys have agreed in principle but both sides thought the other one would make the final presentation for tonight. Mr. Kane asked to make another date with the Board.

Sally Winings and Melody Edwards, representing the Heads Up Committee, a mental health coalition in town, had sent a letter to the Board regarding the community impact fee which would be received from Treeworks. They requested the fee, which is 3% of gross should go to mental health educational programs

in schools and adults at large as Hatfield is disproportionately impacted by suicide. The letter says according to the Cannabis Control Commissions Guide that municipalities are cautioned against relying on fees. Selectman Jaworski thanked Heads Up. Tim Kane said the town will decide how they want to spend their 3% but that 150 hours of community service outreach by employees is also available.

Town Government Committee Report- Christopher Smith, David Keir and Lary Grossman
Selectman Jaworski explained this committee was to investigate what to do to go from a 3 to a 5-member Board. It was created at Annual Town Meeting to investigate procedural methods with a report due no later than December, 2018. The committee reported they had met with attorney Tom Mullen and gave examples of other towns, including Hadley, that had expanded from 3 to 5. A portion of the report is in Q & A format, and also lists other five-member boards and committees. They will meet again to approve their meeting minutes. A possible survey of residents was discussed. Five-member boards allow subcommittees and the additional stipends would add only \$4000.00. There was brief discussion whether additional Selectboard members would increase the workload to the point Ms. Michonski would need to add another staff person.

Selectman Moriarty gave perspective as a 17-year member of the school committee. He said agendas are longer and meeting times are shorter because of the task force. Mr. Keir said it is imperative that the chair runs the meetings. Selectman Doty thanked the committee and asked if they were planning to do a survey such as Duxbury. Mr. Keir said there is no budget for it and it only takes an article at the town meeting to go through, not a charter. Mr. Grossman said it was gaveled in by the moderator in Hadley. The opinion of DLS was that 3 members work best for towns under 10,000 population. Selectman Doty said Greenfield is going back from 5 to 3. Mr. Smith pointed out that the main takeaway is the q & a, the pros and cons. He said it would be a good idea to study this before throwing it at the people.

Selectman Moriarty thanked the committee saying the ATM vote was overwhelmingly yes to find out how to do this. to have members of the Board mt with one another w/o breaking the open meeting law. Selectman Moriarty – ATM will be the survey. Mr. Keir – possibly at atm. Selectman Jaworski – this maybe should go up before the regular atm when most people attend. Selectman Jaworski – when we accept this report then it can go up on the website and we can hear people’s opinions. Selectman Moriarty moved to accept the report from the town government committee. Selectman Doty seconded. Selectman Jaworski thanked the committee.

Water Sewer Abatements-

No bill should have been issued for 96 Bridge St. Selectman Doty asked that the address be corrected. Selectman Jaworski moved to approve the abatement of \$75.00. Selectman Moriarty seconded. The motion was approved.

A pool liner replacement was done for 16 Primrose Path. Selectman Moriarty moved to approve an abatement for \$146.18. Selectman Doty seconded. The motion was approved.

A pool liner was also done for 50 King Street. Selectman Moriarty moved to abate \$197.53 for 50 King Street. Selectman Doty seconded. The motion was approved.

Town Administrator Report

CPA trust funds of \$109,741.00 was received by the town. Mr. Wagner is aware of this. We are 1 of 11 towns that received about 65%.

Old Business-

Ms. Michonski said deferred from a previous agenda was a letter from a property owner regarding the town’s right of 1st refusal for property on North Hatfield Road. Mr. Wagner supports this. Selectman

Jaworski said we can investigate terms but once farmland is gone then it's gone. Ms. Michonski has made the realtor, Mike Mendyk, aware that the town has 120 days. Selectman Jaworski moved to accept in principle to exercise the town's right of first refusal. The motion was not seconded.

Selectman Moriarty asked about Mr. Wagner. Ms. Michonski said the Board needs to take a vote. Selectman Moriarty questioned this saying we have 120 days. Mr. Wagner is working with Kestrel Trust. Ms. Michonski said the Board may be more comfortable dealing with this in a meeting in December but suggested an acknowledgement by the Board to pursue. Selectman Jaworski said to wait until Mr. Wagner comes back with his report.

Selectman Moriarty moved to find out more information about this. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The motion was approved to find additional information to support a decision by the Board.

Municipal Aggregation Report

Ms. Michonski had a conversation with Colonial Power. Perhaps in January the rates might be considered. Ms. Michonski is to report back to the Board. Selectman Jaworski said there was a grant received by the schools.

Selectman Moriarty reminded people that the town meeting is tomorrow, Thursday at the elementary school. The town would receive \$200,000.00.

Selectman Moriarty moved to adjourn. Selectman Jaworski seconded. The meeting ended at 6:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ki J. Eno

Executive Assistant