



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: Monday, July 8, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chair Woodbury, Clerk Stevens, Members Fritze and Pepe.
Vice Chair Berthiaume and Administrator Gaudette were absent.

At 6:02 p.m. Mr. Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2013 Business Meeting as amended (Pepe/ Fritze) passed 5/0.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 Business Meeting & June 17, 2013 Workshop (Pepe/ Fritze) passed 4/0; Mr. Berthiaume abstained.

Citizen Input

Council on Aging Director Pam Woodbury informed the Board of a petition she submitted to Administrator Gaudette with over 180 signatures, all in favor of relocating the Senior Center to the basement of the Maple St School. She noted it is handicap assessable, centrally located and walker friendly. She asked the Board to be mindful of this when making a decision about the building. Mr. Gaudette said the current lease with the Fish & Game has a 30-day opt out clause.

Bill Shemeth, 6 Dale St. asked the Board to support the request of the Council on Aging Director.

Janet Goff, 72 Clark Rd. said that Mrs Woodbury and the programs hosted by the Council on Aging provide a valuable resource to senior citizens.

Al Shedyak said he believes this should be a priority for the senior citizens in Town. They've waited a long time for this opportunity.

Pat Corsen, 6 Meadow Brook Rd. said she has gone to programs at other senior centers that are not offered in Spencer due to space issues.

Rose Hale, 4 Crestview Gardens noted that the Town will have a lot more seniors looking for programs with the "baby boomer" generation retiring.

Al Atchue is in favor but asked that parking and how to fund a computer lab be taken into consideration.

Communications

Mr. Berthiaume, Mr. Woodbury, and Bill Shemeth presented Tyler Gaudette with a

certificate for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. Tyler refurbished all picnic tables at Luther Hill Park. The Board congratulated him on a job well done.

New Business

Action Item: Public Hearing Gravel Pit License– Peter Zukas

The hearing opened at 6:53 pm. Mr. Gaudette reported that the applicant received permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board to operate the gravel removal operation at 89 Smithville Rd. The next step in the process is to obtain a license from the Board.

Peter Zukas said he doesn't expect to make a profit, but hopes to recapture money spent replicating the area.

No members of the public wished to be heard.

A motion to close the hearing at 7:02 pm (Berthiaume/Fritze) passed 5/0.

A motion to approve a Gravel Pit License for Peter Zukas at 89 Smithfield Rd. (Pepe/Fritze) passed 5/0.

Mr. Berthiaume thanked the Zukas family for allowing the use of their property once again for the Fireworks on Family Fun day.

Old Business

Action Item: Policy Adoptions - Fire Dept. Uniform Policy

Administrator Gaudette noted the policy was introduced at the last Business Meeting.

A motion to adopt the Fire Department Policy as written (Berthiaume / Pepe) passed 5/0.

Town Administrator's Report

Spencer - E. Brookfield Regional School District Issues:

Discussion: Budget Timeline and Process

Mr. Gaudette reviewed the calendar. The Special Town Meeting will be held on July 25th.

Discussion: Review SEBRSD Budget and Assessment

The Board reviewed the revised budget. Mr. Pepe would like to see a breakdown of the general ledger salary line items to include step increases and headcount with units.

Mr. Gaudette will contact the Department of Education to discuss the process for setting the budget in the event it does not pass at the Special Town Meeting.

Discussion: Maple Street School Options

The Board reviewed the Operating Expense Sheet for Maple St. School, estimated to be \$100,000 for next year. If the Town decides to move forward, the existing Senior Center budget will be part of this budget and managed by Mrs. Woodbury.

A Motion to use Maple St. School as a Senior Center (Berthiaume/Fritze) passed 5/0.

Discussion: Review Draft Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant

The draft warrant articles were reviewed. The date on Article 2 will be removed. Funds for Articles 3 & 4 would come from items previously approved and include the excavator for the Highway and the microfilm reader for the Library.

Action Item: Close Special Town Meeting Warrant

A motion to approve the STM Warrant as amended (Berthiaume/Fritze) passed 5/0.

A motion to close the STM Warrant (Berthiaume/Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Board Liaison Reports

None

Citizen Input

None

Board Member and Staff Comments

On behalf of the Celebrations Committee, Wendy Berthiaume will report on Family Fun Day at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials:

Zukas Gravel License Application
SEBRSD Budget
STM Warrant Draft