



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: July 18, 2016 – Workshop
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Stevens, Vice Chair, C. Woodbury, Clerk Hicks, and Member, G. Woodbury. Selectmen Pepe and Administrator Gaudette were absent.

At 6:09 p.m. Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the Police Officers killed in Baton Rouge on July 17th.

Mr. Stevens purchased a case of blue light bulbs and offered them to residents to use in their front light fixtures as a show of support for Police Officers.

Discussion – Local Community Addiction Advisory Committee Charge/Policy

The Board will discuss at the August 15th meeting when Chief Darrin is available.

Discussion – Police Dept. Social Media Policy

Selectmen C. Woodbury said he has no issues with the policy and noted it is similar to the Fire Department's policy.

A motion to accept the Police Department Social Media policy as written (Hicks/C. Woodbury) passed 4/0.

Discussion – Economic Development Committee

Mr. Pepe and Mr. Stevens are members of the Economic Development Committee. Committee Members Michael Toomey and Joseph Smith appeared before the Board to provide an update on their efforts. They have been working to prioritize high impact items that use the least amount of resources and will also make use of the findings of the Master Plan and the Revitalization Planning Report. Mr. Toomey discussed ideas and projects currently being worked on including:

- Increase employment opportunities for residents of Spencer
- Increase the tax base
- Maintain the educational system
- Develop a plan to be ready to seize opportunities
- Create an intake form to look at suggestions
- Improve parking signage for downtown
- Create a separate webpage on the Town Website

- Make use of Grant Watch to prevent missed opportunities
- Work with the Building and Property Reuse Committee
- Present a project for the Sugden Block
- Utilize a listing of all property for sale in Spencer using list compiled by Mr. Smith.

Selectmen G. Woodbury pointed out that there are major issues with the Sugden Building and cautioned the Committee to be mindful of this when considering options.

Mr. C. Woodbury suggested offering the option for people to “Subscribe to News” on the Economic Development Committee Webpage.

Mr. Stevens said this Committee is putting in a lot of work and thanked Mr. Toomey and Mr. Smith for their efforts. Mr. Toomey said it has been a team approach with the entire Committee working together.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Referenced Materials

Police Dept. Social Media Policy