

**Select Board
Minutes
January 6, 2015**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Rich, Peter, Julie, Margie, Lisa, David Detmold, Jonathan Prospero (Gazette), members of the Fire Department, Fire Department Study Com. and Fire Chief Hiring Com., JoAnn Mully

John Ingram

John Ingram was introduced to the Select Board as the candidate put forward to the board to be interviewed for the position of part-time Fire Chief. The hiring committee received three applications and interviewed two people. John answered questions from the board. He is currently a Captain at the Amherst Fire Department and has worked with the Leverett Fire Department. He and John Moruzzi worked together on the SAFE program.

After a brief deliberation the board decided to offer him the job.

Motion: To go into executive session to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel. And to return to regular session. Brazeau, aye; d'Errico, aye; Shively, aye. (7:40 pm)

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Motion: To leave executive session and return to regular session Brazeau, aye; d'Errico, aye; Shively, aye. (8:15 pm)

The minutes of Dec. 15 were accepted as written.

Robert Mahler informed the board that he is willing to allow a Select Board representative to sit in on the teacher negotiations. Margie spoke with Finance Committee member Tom Hankinson and he is interested. **Motion: To appoint Tom Hankinson as the Selectboard representative to the teacher negotiations. Vote: 3-0 in favor.**

In a Verizon settlement the town received \$10.50. It was discovered by the individual who set up the Town accounts that Verizon had overcharged the town for a period of time around 2009.

Tax Collector Dee Ann Civello has announced that she will be retiring in Sept. 2015. Margie reviewed a timeline for updating her job description and advertising.

The board voted to make Margie a voting member at the Annual MMA conference in Boston this month.

Siemens was at the Town Hall today with TJ Conway to balance the heating system and figure out why the bathrooms are so cold. A damper on the fans in both bathrooms was not closing after the fan shut off. Margie will ask John K. to look at what is needed. Additionally, Siemens asked if the board would sign the substantially complete documents. The board had a short list of things to be addressed. Margie will email the list and tell Siemens that once it is done the board will sign off.

Margie updated the board on her research into trash pick-up. This discussion arises as Neil will be leaving his position as Transfer Station Coordinator in the spring. Neil has had a very difficult time finding people to staff the station. The hours do not make it an attractive position. The board thought that this might be a good time to explore the possibility of trash pick-up if it could be done with a similar impact on the tax rate. Margie's calculations comparing Erving and Shutesbury show that it is entirely feasible for a similar cost minus the staffing issues and liability that the Transfer Station has. The board recognizes that the TS has a following of people who would be opposed to its closing for a number of reasons. The board will put something in the Feb. Newsletter to open the idea to the residents and perhaps bring to ATM.

The board will also ask the Energy Com. to weigh in about changing to hauling as a carbon reduction issue.

JoAnn asked how the monitoring of the heating systems is going at the school. Margie stated that John goes through the building twice a week but she has not asked specifically. Margie was asked by the board to set up a meeting with John, Margot and Bob Mahler to find out.

Minutes taken and recorded by Lisa Stratford
Meeting adjourned: 9:30 pm