

**Select Board
Minutes
January 12, 2016**

Leverett Town Hall, 7pm

Present: Peter D., Julie S., Tom H., Margie M., Lisa S.

Business:

John Ingram brought in paperwork for signatures to get 2 surplus vehicles from UMASS. He also told the board that he has set up a face book page for the fire department and urges everyone to check it out.

Motion: To appoint Tom Hankinson as voting member for the Select Board at the MMA and MIIA meeting later this month. 2-0 in favor. Tom will also be accepting an Innovation Award on behalf of the town for the leverettnet fiber project.

The minutes of December 22 were approved as written.

Margie explained a copy of a trespass letter from Cows to a Shutesbury resident.

Margie will be having a phone conference tomorrow on the Community Compact. She will be discussing financial policies and IT. Peter would like her to ask about assistance from Mass IT Dept. about cloud storage, firewall for the whole town, back-up, cell service etc.

Tom gave an update on the search for a Highway Superintendent. The subcommittee reviewed 4 applications and interviewed three individuals. They recommended two be interviewed by the Select Board. The board had a long discussion about the timing of the hiring and qualifications of the two put forth. They will hold interviews on January 21 at 6:30 and 7:30 pm.

Lisa will put the following in the Newsletter: The Zoning Bd. and Board of Health are looking for members, a reminder to use the Post Office often, and a copy of the letter to the Select Board from the police and fire chiefs concerning cell phone coverage.

Lisa was asked to write the Select Board report for the Annual Report.

Margie reported that Pat Duffy called to say she is having problems with her well. The town dug the well on her property in response to issues around the landfill which abuts her house. She seemed to understand that problems with the well are her responsibility and asked to come in for copies of all the documents concerning the well.

The Energy Committee (George L.) sent out an RFP on behalf of all Leverett residents for electricity to one vendor. The Energy Com. is struggling with what to tell people who ask what to do about electricity options. The Select Board asked Margie to make sure that they get several quotes and that people know that the rates change often. The board thought that it was wise to tell people to do their own research.

Signed: thanks you's, Landfill Inspection for DEP

Motion: To go into executive session with regard to legal matters and not to return to regular session. d'Errico, aye, Shively, aye; Hankinson, aye. 8:04 pm.