

**Select Board
Minutes
August 23, 2016**

Leverett Town Hall, 7:00 pm

Present: Tom H., Peter d., Julie S., Margie M., Lisa S.
Montague Reporter: Julie and Rob

Gary Billings

Gary requested that the board appoint a new part-time officer. Gary Sibilia is retiring soon.

Motion: To appoint Sean Sawicki as a part-time police officer pending a satisfactory physical at the rate of \$17.50/hour. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Sean currently works for the Town of Shutesbury and is academy trained.

Gary and the board spoke about security cameras for the Safety Complex in lieu of the recent theft of tires from the property. Gary will meet with Tim Haas to discuss specs as they relate to the Safety Complex and POP building.

John Ingram

John requested that the board appoint two new fire fighters. Brian Cook and Eleanor Massengil, both are EMTs.

Motion: To appoint Brian Cook and Eleanor Massengil to the Leverett Fire Department pending satisfactory physicals and CORIs at the rate of \$17.50/hour. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

John informed the board that two vehicles have been taken off the road. The rescue truck and the DCR truck. He met with Capital Planning and they have begun to spec a new rescue truck for ATM 2017 to replace the old one; the DCR surplus vehicle will not be replaced. John may feel the need to put the rescue truck on the STM warrant.

Business:

Lisa gave the board an update on her meeting with Roberta Bryant after Roberta's training as Animal Control Officer (ACO) with the state's new "Massachusetts Animal Fund." Roberta had a list of changes that come with the new job description of ACO. In addition to added responsibilities Roberta would like to discuss her pay rate. She will be scheduled for a budget hearing and will need to bring documentation of her monthly activities as dog officer/ACO.

Margie reported that Renaissance is waiting for their bond and will be ready to begin the project at the Old Highway Garage soon.

Ananda took an informal survey of Transfer Station users about extended hours and most said they would prefer extended Wednesday hours. The board would prefer that the station not be opened in the dark. Summer hours could be easily extended; winter hours may have to be earlier in the day. Tom said he would look into solar flood lights for the station workers at closing time.

The comment period has passed for the aggregation plan with no comments. Margie will put Select Board adoption of the plan on the next Select Board agenda.

Margie has a meeting scheduled with the Housing Authority to discuss the Amherst water line.

Chapter 90 paperwork was signed.

Motion: To go into executive session to discuss strategy with regard to litigation, not to reconvene in regular session. Shively, aye; d'Errico, aye; Hankinson, aye. 7:40 pm.