

**Selectboard  
Minutes  
September 23, 2014**

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Leverett Town Hall, 7:00 pm

Present: Rich, Julie, Peter, Margie, David Detmold

**Margot Lacey, School Principal**

The Board met Margot and welcomed her to town. They discussed the issues that have developed with the school building, the heat and septic system, and discussed how the school is connected to other town facilities. The newly developed building checklist was reviewed and John will be asked to add a check on the heating system. Margot discussed the need for a capital plan for the school building and shared how she likes the building and that it's in great condition compared to some other schools in which she has worked. The struggles of the upcoming budget year were discussed. Margot said she is always available by phone to answer questions.

**Cave Hill Road Land Conservation Restriction**

Eva Beth Gibavic and David Powicki came in to review the CR that has been approved by the State for the Cave Hill Road land. Hunting is allowed up to the future discretion of the Con Com, who are the new owners of the land. Other recreational activities also are allowed as long as they don't damage the site. Rock climbing is not addressed specifically. New trails have been cut and parking area has been created already.

**Motion made to approve acceptance of the CR as presented. Vote: 3-0 in favor.**

The documents were signed and executed.

**Business:**

The minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented.

Susan Mynton was appointed to the Historical Commission.

Appointees to the Regional Planning Board and CEDS Committee were discussed. Pat Fiero is still listed as our appointee. The Board wants her asked if she wants to continue, if not, the positions should be advertised in the newsletter with a description of what they are and how often they meet.

A STM was set for October 28<sup>th</sup>. The items Margie knows about to date were reviewed. Peter can also give an update on the Broadband project.

David asked for an explanation of the Regional School agreement process and it was explained.

The MOU for the FCSWMD to do the yearly transfer station inspection was signed. Neil has agreed to have them do it.

A MIIA grant to get funds to have legal counsel review the personnel policies and job descriptions was signed.

**Fire Department**

The Board discussed the Fire Department proposal for allowing John and Stewart to stay. Peter expressed his strong feelings that this was not the correct solution and that it would

not work. He also went through his past emails and found an email chain where he had been corrected for stating that Rockport might not be a good example for us to follow. There was a disagreement over the watered down version of the Hold Harmless Agreement, which came from Rockport. After much discussion and debate, the draft plan was broken into two sections with additional components added and a sign off for agreement by the two firefighter. Margie was asked to revise the existing one, then get it to them and then to Donna for review.

Margie received only one price quote for the new Public Safety Complex generator, from Cummins for \$18,500. **Motion made to award the new PSC generator to Cummins for \$18,500. Vote: 3-0 in favor.**

The board awarded the FRCOG highway products bids as recommend by Will and signed a bunch of Chapter 90 paperwork.

Julie gave an update on the Affordable Housing Trust. They are ready to sign a contract with HRA for project management. HRA is requiring more marketing and a lottery. The Trust is planning to request new CPA funds in the spring. The purchase of a covenant on a house on North Leverett Road is still in process.

Julie also reported that the next Regionalization meeting is set for September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked that she give an update to the STM in October. Margie was asked to find out when Shutesbury is planning their STM to adopt the regional assessment method agreed upon by the working group.

Peter gave on update on the Broadband project, which is sending a notice of default letter to the contractor for components of the construction and paperwork not completed. They have been working with town counsel on the situation and notices.

Margie asked about a request from an electricity vendor to not give a fixed price and the Board agreed that they want a fixed price and to keep the quote as it is.

Margie asked about responding to the letters received regarding a police matter and the Board agreed to prepare a response with Gary and hold it.

Margie told the Board that the new police cruiser is soon to be here and that the older cruiser, 2008 one, will go to John Moruzzi, replacing his really old one.

The Board reviewed the mail, which included assurance for Diane Tymkowiche and the Dog Officer that she has taken efforts to restrain her two dogs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Minutes taken by Marjorie McGinnis