

**Select Board
Minutes
December 27, 2016**

Leverett Town Hall, 7 pm

Present: Peter D., Julie S., Tom H., Margie M., Lisa S. Rob from the Montague Reporter

Business:

The minutes of December 13 were approved as written. The minutes of November 29 were approved as amended (but previously approved).

Lisa updated the board on her and Peter's meeting with Mik Muller from Montage Webworks about revamping the Town website and adding the "egov" module to help track the Public Records Law requests. Additionally, Mik can archive emails, make documents searchable by word, track elected/appointed officials, allow people to sign up to receive emails about boards and committees that interest them; basically, everything we need. Money will be spent from the Select Board account with the possibility of a reserve fund transfer to cover future costs.

Motion: To spend \$3400 to allow Montague Webworks to set up a new website with egov possibilities for the Town. 3-0 in favor.

Lisa will email Mik and write to Auditor Suzanne Bump to alert her of the money being spent by the town to cover an unfunded mandate under the new Public Records Law.

The Council on Aging did not get the grant they applied for to construct a walking path at the school. The Recreation Commission and others are meeting to plan. In the future they may apply to CPC with a project request.

The formula grant for Elder Affairs was signed, thank you was signed.

A brief conversation was had about Gary's retirement and Scott's welcome. Lisa will email the board later about what to bring.

The DPU filing summary was signed. Colonial requested a waiver on the quarterly paper postings which will be available by computer instead.

John Kuczek reported that he will no longer be checking on school operations. The Select Board asked that he and the school create a check-list for whomever is in charge. The town will also discuss returning budget line items to the school for payment.

Peter and Margie will meet to review the old plans for the Shutesbury Rd. intersection. Peter, David Finn, and Stewart Olson have one in mind that may work and they would like a meeting to review the plans. **Motion: To identify a suitable plan for the Shutesbury Rd. intersection so that grants may be applied for. 3-0 in favor.**

Tom reported that the ¾ ton Highway Dept. truck has a broken frame. David would like to send it to Roseledge to have the frame fixed so the department can take advantage of its maneuverability for the rest of the plow season. It is on the Capital Plan for replacement at this year's town meeting. David will not drive it until it is fixed. The department has made a plow for the military truck for this week's storm.

Margie and Peter (with help and support from Edie Field and John Kuczek) have turned in a CPC application for funds to rehabilitate the Field Family Museum.

Motion: To appoint Roberta Bryant as the Town's Animal Control Officer. 3-0 in favor.

Interview with Sean Sawicki for full-time patrolman position

(also present: Scott Minkler, Sergeant, and David Rice for the hiring committee)

The board interviewed Sean who currently works as a full-time officer for the Town of Shutesbury. He is interested in advancing his career and felt that Leverett was better positioned to assist in that regard. He appreciates community interaction and feels that having a presence at the school would be helpful to get to know parents of children in town and is interested in building partnerships with other town departments; he has experience in the construction field and was a firefighter in Shutesbury. He is comfortable working alone. He is comfortable working with computers.

Motion: To hire Sean Sawicki, conditionally, with a salary to be negotiated.

Sean does not need a physical since he currently works part-time in Leverett and just had one but will need a psychological exam.

The mail was read.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10pm

Minutes taken by Lisa Stratford