

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Members present: Mary Layton, Chair; John Pepper, Vice Chair (via telephone – left meeting at 7:15 pm); Linda Cook; John Langhus (via telephone); Herb Durfee, Town Manager; Miranda Bergmeier, Assistant to the Town Manager.

Members absent: Stephen Flanders

There were about 5 people in the audience.

Also participating: Ann Marie Smith, Emily Dixon, Doug Robinson, Mary Fowler, and Cheryl Lindberg.

Layton opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). Selectboard agreed to proceed with the agenda as drafted.

2. Public Comments (Discussion Item). There were no public comments offered.

3. Board to Sign Accounts Payable/Warrants (Discussion/Action Item).

a. Accounts Payable/Warrants – Cook **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Pepper) to approve Check Warrant Report #18-5 for General Fund in the amount of \$2,226,502.57; for Conservation Commission Fund in the amount of \$100.00; and for the Public Safety Facility Fund in the amount of \$2,115.00. **Motion passed 4 to 0 (Flanders absent).**

b. Emergency Highway Expenditures Related to the July 1, 2017 Storm Event – After brief discussion, Cook **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Pepper) to authorize the expenditure of up to \$600,000 from reserve funds, exhausting funds from the emergency reserve fund before utilizing other reserve funds, for the cost of emergency highway repairs related to the July 1, 2017 storm event. **Motion passed 4 to 0 (Flanders absent).**

4. Colors for Public Safety Building (Discussion/Action Item). Herb Durfee introduced the topic by saying the Public Safety Building (PSB) project is progressing and the siding must be ordered by the end of this week. This is why we are having this discussion at this time. Several residents spoke to express their color preferences for the PSB exterior. Cheryl Lindberg, Ann Marie Smith, Emily Dixon, and Mary Fowler each voiced an opinion. Ann Marie Smith also said that she has concerns about the presence of lettering on the building and about the size and location of a flagpole. There ensued an open discussion with Selectboard members and consensus was reached that the building colors should be Cobblestone (grey) and Heathered Moss (green). Cook **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Langhus) to designate the HardiePlank colors of Cobblestone and Heathered Moss for the Public Safety Building. **Motion passed 3 to 0 (Flanders & Pepper absent).**

At 7:42 pm, Cook **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Langhus) to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

by Miranda Bergmeier, Assistant to the Town Manager

Approved by the Selectboard on August 23, 2017.

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Mary Layton, Selectboard Chair

Next Meeting –August 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM

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SELECTBOARD.