

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 6, 2018
7:00 PM
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Terry Flynn and Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Don called the meeting to order.

Announcements: Upcoming meeting dates: August 22nd, Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., September 12th, Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., September 24th, Monday at 6:30 p.m. Special Town Meeting in the gymnasium, October 9th, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., October 17th, Wednesday at 9 a.m., and November 7th, Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Status Reports: Terry Flynn - Stockbridge Bowl

Terry: The Board of Selectmen has authorized GZA develop for us two scenarios for the dredging project, one with conventional dredging and one for hydraulic dredging. We will be meeting with GZA, SBA, and Greg Wellenkamp to finalize a plan for these scenarios. Our most recent meetings with GZA and NHESP resulted in the drawdown being reduced from 5' to 2.9'. This in turn raised a need to seek different options to address the milfoil problem. NHESP suggested hydroraking, which is likely to be more expensive, as well as strategic harvesting, which has recently been used in other towns. Strategic harvesting involves cutting the weeds, once in the spring and once in the fall. This allows the weeds to grow very tall in the summer, which depletes their energy, enabling the fall cutting to stunt their growth. While NHESP raised the option of spot treating certain areas or certain species with herbicides, Contrary to what has appeared recently in local media, they did not , at any time say that the use of herbicides would be the only form of vegetation management that they would accept in approving any dredging projects.

Minutes: Approve Minutes for July 25th

Agenda:

Police Department – Candidate for Employment

Chief Fennelly presented Mr. Kemp to the Board for approval of hire. After a brief interview Don moved that they offer a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Kyle Kemp based of Chief Fennelly's recommendations. Terry seconded, all were in approval.

Highway Department – Candidates for Employment

The Town has received applicants from a few highly qualified people. Given the fact that we also have a highway employee out on Workman's Comp, Don moved to hire two of these applicants based upon the recommendations of Chuck Cardillo, Lenny Tisdale and Danielle

Fillio. Terry seconded; all were in approval. Names were not yet released so to allow the opportunity to give proper notification to their employers.

Approve and Sign Warrant for 2018 State Primary -

Don made a motion to approve the State Primary Warrant as presented by the state for the September 4th State Primary. Terry seconded; all were in approval. Just a brief announcement that in this primary election the District Attorney will be chosen as there is only one party running.

Mohican Tribe – Request to do Archaeological Testing

Terry explained that the Mohican Indians would like to do an archeological study to try to find the exact location of the “bonfire.” Terry made a motion to allow the Mohican tribe to do the study on Town land as long as all insurance documents and waivers are in place. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

One-Day Alcohol Permit –

Don moved that they approve the one day alcohol license for a wine seminar at Chesterwood on Thursday August 9th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

Town Openings – Boards and Commissions – Appointments

Don moved to make the following appointments: Nina Ryan as Berkshire Regional Planning Alternate and Jamie Minacci to the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority. Terry seconded; all were in approval.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Don made a motion to adjourn.