

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

The regular meeting for the Board of Selectmen convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at 110 Main Street in the Town Office Building. In attendance were Dr. Richard M. Smith, John R. Morrell and Edward S. Harrison. Also present were Town Administrator Evan Brassard and the media.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Harrison made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 8, and December 22, 2015 – executive sessions, and January 12, 2016 – open session. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

**Pole Petition #19283398 – Green Street:**

Mr. Harrison read Pole Petition #19283398 into the record. It was noted the pole location was okay with both the Highway Department and the Water/Sewer Department. There wasn't anyone in the audience to speak for or against the petition.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve Pole Petition #19283398 for Green Street as presented. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

**PTSA 5 k:**

This was tabled as Lisa Ronaldson wasn't present.

**Community Garden Discussion:**

Director for the Community Garden David Ramsey, and Ted Ruegsegger approached the Board of Selectmen. Carol Garner was in the audience. At the last Selectmen's meeting, a letter was in correspondence from Mr. Ramsey seeking to create a Board or Committee for the Community Garden. At that time it was suggested to invite them in to a meeting to clarify just what they would be doing.

Mr. Ramsey noted he is 72 years old, and thought it was time to bring new people in. Mr. Ramsey explained three people are better to enlist volunteer help and new ideas, and added volunteerism needs to be expanded. Mr. Ramsey said he feels someone else should be shown how to change the oil in the tractor and rototiller.

The Board of Selectmen agreed they had no problem with having three members appointed to the Community Garden.

Mr. Ramsey said they have created a website and the link can be accessed through the Town's website under "Important Links". Mr. Ruegsegger designed their webpage, and they have been collaborating on

the 2016 garden season and shared informative sheets of paper with the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen agreed to add the names on the account, and Mr. Brassard said he would take care of this.

Mr. Ramsey also asked if Mr. Brassard could add Mr. Ruegsegger and Ms. Garner's names to the Squier's account, allowing them to make any purchases the Community Garden deems necessary. It was noted the Community Garden doesn't receive any money from the town. The only money they have is what they receive from the plot rental fees, and this money is given to the Town Treasurer. The Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Ms. Bingle noted all the bills for purchases made by the Community Garden come to the Selectmen's Office, where they are placed on a warrant for the Board of Selectmen to sign. Mr. Ramsey said he has been thinking of possibly setting up a "501C Friends of" account in the future.

After a brief discussion amongst them, the Board of Selectmen agreed they wouldn't have a problem with appointing Co-Directors to the Community Garden.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to appoint Ted Ruegsegger and Carol Garner as Co-Directors to the Community Garden, effective immediately through June 30, 2016. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

**New Business to Come Before the Board:**

- Mr. Morrell suggested setting up some budget sessions. Dr. Smith suggested placing it on the agenda, tentatively, for the next meeting if we have enough to go on.

Correspondence was read and completed.

At 7:21 p.m., Mr. Harrison made a motion to adjourn from open session to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to non-union personnel, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 (2) and collective bargaining or litigation, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 (3), not to return to open session. Mr. Morrell seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

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Edward S. Harrison, Clerk