

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016

The regular meeting for the Board of Selectmen convened at 7:00 in the public meeting room in the Town Office Building at 110 Main Street. In attendance were John R. Morrell, Edward S. Harrison, and Dr. Richard M. Smith. 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 May 24, 2016, June 14, 2016, June 28, 2016 – executive sessions and July 12, 2016 – open and executive sessions. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Setting of a Special Town Meeting Date:

Mr. Harrison made a motion to set the Special Town Meeting for August 22, 2016 at Granite Valley Middle School for 7:00 p.m. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant:

Mr. Harrison made a motion to open the Special Town Meeting warrant for August 22, 2016. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Resident Petition:

Mr. Morrell read Town Clerk Mary Watson's certification letter and petition language into the record.

Ms. Watson stated in the letter that on July 11, 2016 she received a petition from residents requesting the placement of an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant to amend the Monson Massachusetts Zoning Bylaw 6.23 Large Scale Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Installations (adopted 10/18/2010) under section 6.23 that states large scale ground mounted photovoltaic installations are only allowed in commercial zones, not in rural residential zones. The petition was signed by 184 voters.

Mr. Brassard noted any petitions with over 100 signatures automatically goes on the warrant for the next Town Meeting according to M.G.L. chapter 39 section 10. Mr. Brassard said there are two additional articles as well; one is the medical marijuana overlay district, and the second is he has asked the Planning Board to consider a special permit revision as our current bylaws don't have any language to revoke a special permit if the terms agreed to aren't being followed.

In Other Business to Come Before the Board:

- Robert Kaddy of Butler Road approached the Board of Selectmen inquiring on a speed study he requested about a year ago. It was noted the Police Department completed the portion of the study they needed to do and now we are just waiting for the State to complete their portion of the study. Since the State only has one traffic engineer who does the speed studies for the entire State, Mr. Morrell noted it could take up to one year. Mr. Brassard noted we are beyond that point, and said he will ask Police Chief Kozloski for an update.

Mr. Morrell said at the same time the speed study request was sent in for Butler Road, another speed study was sent in for Paradise Lake Road and Lakeside Drive and noted we are still waiting to hear on that study as well.

Correspondence was read and completed.

At 8:23 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. Dr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously VOTED.

Dr. Richard M. Smith, Clerk