



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

The Board of Selectmen met in the Lunenburg Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room, as scheduled with Jamie Toale, Chairman; Robert Ebersole, Vice Chairman; Tom Alonzo, Clerk; Paula Bertram, Member, Phyllis Luck, Member and Kerry Lafleur, Town Manager. The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Mr. Alonzo announced the Lunenburg Historical Society, located at 10 School Street, will be open Saturday, February 13 from 1- 3 p.m. and continue to be open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Mr. Ebersole noted the Lunenburg Water District is meeting tomorrow. Ms. Luck reported the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast was cancelled this week due to impending bad weather. The next one is March 9th.

Mr. Toale announced the last day to register to vote in the March 1st Presidential Primary and the Special State Election for Precinct B is Wednesday, February 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's office. This is also the last day to change party affiliation for those elections. Absentee ballots are available for the Presidential Primary. For more information, contact the Town Clerk's office at 978-582-4130 during office hours.

Mr. Toale announced the Board is seeking people to join the Memorial Day Committee to plan this year's activities, particularly Veterans or anyone with active military duty. Anyone who would like to work on the committee should contact the Selectmen's office at 978-582-4144.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Amend Class II Auto Dealer license

Ms. Lafleur stated this license was approved in December 2015 and no motion is required as it is a spelling correction for the owners' names. The board signed the amended license.

2. Discussion/determination on availability and use of existing FY16 appropriation (\$40,000) by the Storm Water Task Force

Ms. Lafleur reported there is a line item in the F2016 budget for \$40,000 for storm water projects. It is listed under the DPW budget. There were no specific projects in mind when it was established. As the Board knows, the Storm Water Task Force was established and Ms. Lafleur has reviewed this topic with the Storm Water Task Force Chair.

Ms. Lafleur requested clarification from the Board on what their intention was in regards to the task force and spending storm water funding. When she reviewed the goals of the task force it wasn't immediately clear and it is not typical that we have a task force that would appropriate money.

Mr. Alonzo stated he sees the task force as submitting recommendations to this Board and they would appropriate the funds because the task force is an appointed committee. Mr. Toale agreed.

Ms. Luck, Storm Water Task Force Chair, stated that would fine. She was visualizing task force members attending workshops or needing training. If they applied for grants, there may be a need to provide matching funds or if they wanted to join a storm water coalition there might be a fee. She asked if they were doing a pavement project and they needed engineering or if they needed implementation of storm water remediation that was unanticipated, could they use some funding for that?

She also looked at the annual MS4 report that the DPW Director files. Could we purchase trash bags to clean up around ponds; it's part of education/outreach and making people aware.

Mr. Ebersole asked if she would need a consultant at some point this year. Ms. Luck stated they might need an engineering firm for applying for a grant or for training, adding they don't have one lined up at

this point. Ms. Bertram stated she didn't have a problem with any of the above but thought it made sense to bring back a plan to the Board for approval. Ms. Lafleur thanked the Board for the clarification.

3. Minutes/Warrants/Action File Issues

The Board signed an Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$587,073.33 and a Payroll Deductions Warrant in the amount of \$434,899.43.

Action File Issues:

Mr. Ebersole asked if the Bylaws Review Committee has met yet. Ms. Lafleur stated not her knowledge but she will have Ms. Peterson follow up.

4. Committee Reports

Ms. Luck reported the Storm Water Task Force and the ZBA are meeting tomorrow. ZBA will be discussing the Whalom Luxury Apartments, Gary Lorden's project, and discuss regulations and the use agreement. She attended the School Committee meeting last week. It started off with a presentation on a Master Teacher project. Mr. Londa talked about replacing a cell tower. It is anticipated to be seventy-five feet tall but the lighting will be at sixty feet. Verizon won the bid and it is anticipated to generate \$30,000 plus 3% additional per year. Mr. Londa requested approval of an easement going across school property. They will vote on it next week. Town Meeting vote will also be required due to the long term contract. There was a presentation on the Summer Enrichment Program, which will run for two weeks in June. Any profits realized will be used to fund student activities. Another presentation was made on turf fields. The Lions Club of Lunenburg presented a check for \$36,000 to the School Committee for the new playground at Turkey Hill Middle School. There is only around \$3000 left to raise.

The School Committee also accepted the donation from Powell Stone & Gravel for the materials for the outdoor classroom, totaling around \$40,000.

Ms. Bertram had no reports as she had been out of town.

Mr. Alonzo reported Cable Advisory will not be meeting this month as they are waiting for PACC to finalize their business plan. Finance Committee met on Thursday for a presentation on Chapter 70 funding by Marc Abrahams. It is available on public access for viewing.

School Building Committee is meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Ebersole reported Sewer Commission is meeting tonight. Mr. Toale followed up on the Building Reuse Committee members are now meeting with individual departments to get more detail on space needs.

Town Manager Report:

Ms. Lafleur wanted to thank the DPW staff who did another excellent job of keeping the roads clear.

The Fiscal 2017 Budget presentation will be at the Finance Committee this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in this room and will be televised. At last week's Finance Committee meeting the Chapter 70 resolution was discussed. She requested signatures on the resolution in order to send it our Representative and Senator.

Mr. Alonzo and Mr. Toale wanted to thank the DPW staff as well.

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Toale presented a request to appoint Nancy Forest to the Senior Taxation Work Off Committee.

Ms. Lafleur reported this is a five member committee that reviews all the applications from senior citizens for the tax work off program. Those eligible can work up to 100 hours to get abatement off their real estate tax bills. Ms. Forest's expertise is in reviewing financial criteria for the program applicants.

Motion: R.Ebersole

To appoint Nancy Forest to the Senior Taxation Work Off Committee.

2nd: P. Bertram

Vote: All in Favor

There was no further public comment.

Motion: T. Alonzo

2nd: P. Bertram

To adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Vote: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine M. Peterson".

Elaine M. Peterson

Executive Assistant to the Town Manager