



SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
TOWN HALL
1 SOUTH ROAD
WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027

Minutes of April 30, 2018

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Jim Huston and Art Pichette. Also present were Judy Madzunovic, Ginny Curtis, Mary Powers, Joan Powers, Shirl Morigan. Minutes were taken by Cheryl Provost.

Warrants were signed for: Payroll: \$71,999.07
 Vendor: \$310,059.99

- The Annual Town Meeting warrant was reviewed. No changes since the draft. The Solar Bylaw is under revision and will be entered to the warrant this week. The warrant must be signed and posted by May 5. A meeting will be scheduled to sign the warrant when it is complete with the solar bylaw.
- Northeast IT submitted a quote to convert the Town Hall and Annex IT systems to a server. They're working on a quote for migration to a cloud-based system. The start-up costs will be similar for budgeting purposes. The appropriation is an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Full funding will be needed to migrate to either system. Additional time is needed to review the quotes before making a presentation at town meeting. Voted to postpone discussion.
- Public Safety Complex Review Committee updates, Steve Holt reported: He has the full and final report from the engineer.

Jim announced his resignation from the committee.

- Zoning Bylaw Review Committee:
Ginny Curtis spoke of a meeting of the Planning Board where the solar bylaw was discussed. She reported discrepancies made by John Shaw to the board as to procedures stated in the solar bylaws. She questioned why the Planning Board met with only one member of the committee. Art replied that John was contacted as the Chair and any of the committee members could have attended.

Discussion ensued regarding Open Meeting Laws and their applicability to a quorum of committee or board members while in attendance at other committees or boards meetings.

- Memorial Day is May 28. Plans for the ceremonies are underway and an MC needs to be selected. Jim did it the previous year and requested another board member do it. The decision will be made at the next meeting with a full board.

Memorial Day falls on the regular schedule of the Selectboard. Postponed re-scheduling until

May 14.

The tree was planted on the common and a date for the dedication to Representative Kocot needs to be scheduled. Jim suggested during the Fall Festival, rather than Memorial Day. Steve Holt added that allows time to make a plaque and for the tree to set. So voted.

- Appointment list:
Cheryl is working on a list of appointments effective July 1, 2018 and requested the board handle some of the calls to incumbents to see whether they'll accept re-appointment. The list of officials should be completed for reading into the Annual Town Meeting Reconvene.
- Annual Report:
Is at the printers and will be delivered Friday, May 4.
- The Selectboard voted by roll call, 2 yeas, 0 opposed, to enter into Executive Session at 8:44p.m., as the Chair declared that discussion in a public meeting may have detrimental effect on the town's litigating position with respect to the following litigation:

Amber Kellogg and Michael Barbeau v. Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Westhampton, MA, Leo Aloisi, Richard W. Tracy, Wayne Parks, John Kelsey, Shirley Morrigan, and Steven St. Marie; Trial Court; Housing Court Dept. Western Div., Docket No. 18CV 0012

Adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

The board took a 10 minute recess and resumed at 8:05 p.m.

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- Ms. Curtis requested an update on 0 Main Road. Specifically, she asked why nothing was recorded on the deed regarding the violations. In response, this was researched months ago and Town Counsel recommended that such a filing occur only if, and when, a suit is filed by the town against the owner. No such claim has been filed. The Board of Health and Building Inspector have both been directed to follow up with any action within their jurisdiction. Cheryl reported the Board of Health is pursuing it. Jim will follow up with Tom Quinlan, Building Inspector to receive an update.
- Bill Tracy visited seeking an update on the sound system. Phil has been unavailable as he's attending to family matters. There is two weeks until town meeting. Bob Miller left his sound system in the hall from the variety show. If needed, it can stay for the meeting. Art thinks Phil will still be able to do it when he returns.
- Correspondence was reviewed:
 - Health Agent-Inspection checklist for the campground completed April 18
 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; invitation to the Regional Recognition Awards June 14
 - Division of Professional Licensure, Board of Building Regulations and Standards-Building Code Enforcement Official Certification for Thomas Quinlan

-Comcast information webpage at www.xfinitytv.com/contractrenewals and video packaging announcement

- Administrative Assistant updates:
Busy with preparing for town meeting and Memorial Day as well as usual business
- The next Selectboard meetings will be 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 14. A meeting will also be held with the Finance Committee at 8:00 a.m., May 12 prior to Annual Town Meeting.
- Documents submitted:
 - Health Agent-Inspection checklist for the campground completed April 18
 - Northeast IT server migration quote

Adjourned meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Approve:


James Huston, Chair


Philip Dowling


Arthur Pichette