



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

Minutes of October 1, 2018

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present from Selectboard were Phil Dowling, Art Pichette and Maureen Dempsey. Others present were Jaquie Brodner, Sue O'Rourke, Marilyn Witherall, David Blakesley, Judy Dunaway, Stephen Allen, Patricia Lee Lewis, Catherine Hondorp, Barbara Pellisier, Sarah Mulvehill, Ginny Curtis, Tom Cleary, Sally Loomis, Kate O'Connor, Rico Spence. Minutes were taken by Art Pichette.

Warrants were signed for:     Payroll: \$77,796.46  
   Vendor: \$134,757.46

Minutes of September 17, 2018 were approved.

- Highway Department updates, David Blakesley reported:
  - swapped months for brush mower with Easthampton
  - new truck was delivered and accepted. Payment was made and the traded 2001 Sterling dump truck is gone.
  - made a decision on new loader. Tried four models and decided the Caterpillar is the best for the needs of the highway department. Allowed \$40,000 on the trade for the 2006 John Deere loader.
  - drainage issue at Montague Road solar project is moving.
  - completed generator service on Friday.
- Brewer Brook Forest Conservation Project:

Reviewed the Grant of Conservation Restriction for property owned by Patricia Lee Lewis, located at 292 Chesterfield Road submitted on September 17 by Sally Loomis of Hilltown Land Trust. Art moved to grant the Conservation Restriction for property owned by Patricia Lee Lewis, located at 292 Chesterfield Road. Second by Phil. Motion passed by roll vote 3-yas, 0-nays.
- Pesticide application on farms:

Discussion ensued regarding a policy or bylaw for the regulation of application of pesticides. Maureen will contact area town officials and agriculture commissions to discover what policies/bylaws have been adopted and report back at the next meeting.
- Agricultural Commission roll was reviewed.
- Solar tax PILOT agreement:

CVE submitted the information requested by Roy Bishop Consulting for the solar facility on Montague Road.

- Junkyard update:  
A current inspection of the property is required to determine the status of the property to proceed with a cease and desist order.
- Green Communities update:  
Data for the energy audit is being submitted to Prism Energy Services. This will also serve as a baseline for the Energy Reduction Plan. Jim Barry will be present at the informational meeting October 15 to discuss the program and stretch code. He will have a laptop and projector, a screen will be needed. He is also available for town meeting on either the 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Special Town Meeting:  
The draft articles and warrant were reviewed for the Special Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding rescheduling town meeting. On a motion and second voted to reschedule the Special Town Meeting to 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 29.
- Payroll conversion update was provided by Patricia Cotton.
- Administrative Assistant, Cheryl Provost:  
-attending OSHA training October 2 & What's New in Municipal Law on October 4  
-sick leave October 8-12
- The Mass. Standard Contract Form for emergency management grant in the amount of \$2,460 was reviewed. On a motion and second, voted to approve the Mass. Standard Contract Form for emergency management grant in the amount of \$2,460.
- Correspondence reviewed:  
-Mass. Municipal Assoc. Legislative Breakfast schedule  
-Mass. Municipal Assoc. MunEnergy Breakfast Series  
-Comcast program changes
- The next Selectboard meetings will be 7:00 p.m. October 15 & October 29.
- Documents submitted:  
-Grant of Conservation Restriction from Patricia Lee Lewis to Hilltown Land Trust, Inc. and Westhampton Conservation Commission for property located at 292 Chesterfield Road.
- Documents signed:  
-Tag Sale permits for I. Eade at 83 Main Road & K. Croisetiére at 12 South Road  
-Payment Request in the amount of \$112,930.00 for South Road  
-Approval of Conservation Restriction from Patricia Lewis to Hilltown Land Trust, Inc., the Town of Westhampton acting by and through its Conservation Commission, and the Town of Chesterfield acting by and through its Conservation Commission  
-Comm. Of Mass. Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing for Chris Norris, Fire Chief for FY19 EMPG Grant  
-Comm. Of Mass. Standard Contract Form FY19 EMPG Grant in the amount of \$2,460.00 for fire gear

-Certification of Compliance with Federal Procurement Standards for FY19 EMPG Grant.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Philip Dowling, Chair

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Arthur Pichette

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Maureen Dempsey

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