



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

Minutes of September 3, 2019

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present from Selectboard were Phil Dowling, Maureen Dempsey, and Teri Anderson. Others present were David White, Bill Jablonski, Patty Cotton (Treasurer), Ginny Curtis, Marilyn Witherell, Michael Kelsey. Minutes were taken by Maureen Dempsey.

Warrants were approved by vote and signed for:
Payroll: \$77,310.10
Vendor: \$728,595.19

New Business:

- Patty Cotton reported that Annual Town Meeting voted to approve \$234,000 to be paid on the debt to the bucket loader and the highway truck. That leaves us \$144,428 short for payment on that debt. We will pay off the loader and issue a note for the remainder of the debt on the highway truck for another year.

Patty also reported that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting for Article 22 (the article considering the vote to borrow money to pay the cost of engineering and design for the new public safety complex) did not include the motion on the article, the amount of money or the fact that it was contingent on a ballot vote. The Town Clerk will need to amend those minutes to reflect what happened at Annual Town Meeting.

- Highway Department, Foreman Bill Jablonski reported:
 - they patched a sink-hole at the intersection of Northwest Road and Kings Highway
 - shrubs were pulled out at Westhampton Elementary
 - the crew helped fix some doors at HRHS along with helping with the problems caused by the water pumps at the high school
 - bushes around the stop signs in town were trimmed
 - all the fire extinguishers in the town buildings were inspected

Phil reported that Dave Blakesley was considering hiring Jerry Ostrowski part time to help with bush mowing along town roads. Phil also reported that the highway department will put off paying the elementary school back parking lot due to a funding issue. It will be moved to the next fiscal year.

It was agreed by the Selectboard that the Highway Superintendent and the Administrative Assistant will review applications and do interviews for hiring a new highway crew member and make a recommendation to the Selectboard.

- Minutes of August 5 & 19 were reviewed:
Teri moved with a second by Phil that the minutes of August 5, 2019 be accepted. Voted 3 – 0. Phil motioned that the minutes of August 19th meeting be accepted with amendments made by Maureen. Voted 2 yay, 1 abstained (Teri).
- Public Safety Complex – two applications have been received for the architectural services. The committee will review and interview the candidates and make a recommendation at the next Selectboard meeting.
- Zoning Bylaw Review Committee – no report.
- UMass Clean Energy Project is proposing a study to look at the impact of solar projects on rural communities. Teri reported that the study looked interesting and thought Westhampton should participate. Phil made a motion to participate in the study and Teri 2nd. Motion passed by vote 3-0. Maureen will talk with Cheryl to see if we need to send a letter of committal to UMass.
- Phil made a motion that we accept and sign the Document Consultant Contract. Teri 2nd. Motion passed by vote 3 – 0.

Old Business:

- Police vehicle surplus – the Board agreed, as already discussed, to authorize Dave White to offer the vehicle to surrounding municipalities. This process would be exempt from the law 30B because it is an intra-municipal agreement. Dave will accept the first offer and it will be sold “as is”.
- Ginny Curtis correspondence – Ginny wanted to know the policy or procedure for what correspondence gets put on a Selectboard meeting agenda. Phil stated that all correspondence generally comes through the Administrative Assistant. Teri commented that if correspondence is addressed to Selectboard then it should be provided to the Selectboard and noted in the minutes.

The Selectboard voted by roll call, 3-yay, 0-nay, to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, section 21(a)(3), as the Chair declared that discussion in a public meeting may have detrimental effect on the town’s potential litigating position with respect to enforcement action for property at 0 Main Road-Westhampton Auto/JAWS.

Open session will resume after executive session.

Adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

Next meeting: 7:00 p.m. September 16, 2019.

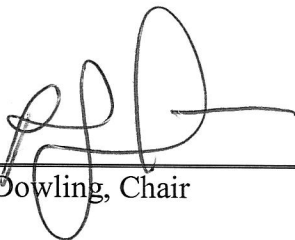
Documents signed:

-Document Project Consultant Services Agreement between the Towns of Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton, and Williamsburg, “Awarding Authority” and Gillian Doucette.

-UMass Clean Energy Project Document Consultant Contract

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approve:


Philip Dowling, Chair


Maureen Dempsey


Teri Anderson