



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

November 1, 2016

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Phil Dowling, Jim Huston, and Art Pichette. Also present was David Blakesley.

Warrants were signed for:     Payroll: \$70,831.80  
   Vendor: \$337,696.43

- Highway Superintendent, David Blakesley reported:
  - line painting is completed
  - culvert project will be completed November 2
  - sander is being repaired
  - received two loads of salt today
  - he and Cheryl met with Ellen Batchelder, the new Director of Procurement Services from Hampshire Council of Governments. She reviewed Westhampton's buying history and took suggestions for potential expansion of procurement services in the future.
- Received a resignation from Patty Cotton, from the position of Town Clerk.
- Ginny Curtis reported that she submitted a notice to Cheryl for the Veterans Breakfast at Outlook on November 11. Discussion ensued regarding the management of the website. Ms. Curtis suggested boards and committees and departments post items on the website.
- Paul Silvernail visited inquiring of the status of the cease and desist order of the fire truck horn at the campground. The reply was that in a previous meeting the Selectboard was told by chief White there is no criminal act. The Selectboard is waiting to meet with the campground owners to discuss it. Ms. Curtis and Cheryl were unable to meet on October 27 to review the file together and have not rescheduled.
- Fire Department, Chief Norris was unavailable but submitted the following updates:
  - Tanker Truck was delivered on October 21. Staff has been trained and it is in service.
  - Emergency Management Performance Grant contractor authorized signatory requires Selectboard Chair signature. It is a match grant for the purchase of gas detectors and meters. The town share is \$2,640.00, which was appropriated in the Emergency Management budget.
- Town Hall & Annex connection:  
The Highway Department ran the conduit between the buildings and Northeast IT has the cable.

The internet account will be reduced to one, with the Annex as the host. The phone and fax accounts will be further reviewed to determine options for the best service to the offices.

- 46 Lyman Road:  
Cheryl spoke to Cindy Sullivan, the cars are her sons and husbands, not Dana Lacombe's. She claims one was removed, one was registered, and they made arrangements for two more to be picked up; although whoever the arrangement was with didn't show up yet. She's concerned about fines and trying to get rid of them. She also reported unregistered vehicles at 233 Southampton Road. She was told she will be receiving a letter from the Selectboard explaining the process. Cheryl and Ms. Sullivan will stay in contact.
- 225 Northwest Road:  
Terry Donovan, ACO picked up a dog on Friday believed to be from 225 Northwest Road. She left a notice on the mailbox and has not heard from them, she has no other means of contact for them. She can hold the dog ten days before going up for adoption. She will follow up to be sure they received notice the dog was impounded.
- Administrative Assistant, Cheryl was unavailable but submitted the following reports:
  - Report for October 18-November 1
  - Work schedule for November 3-November 14
  - Fireworks; Town Hall received one complaint via website "contact us"; Police Dept. reported receiving 15 complaints; all appear to be non-residents
- Correspondence, reviewed:
  - Board of Assessors CAMA software conversion
  - Transfer Station-third party inspection report, on file
  - Comcast announcement of Programming Contract Renewal Website
- The Selectboard voted by roll call, 3-0 to enter into Executive Session at 8:07p.m., as the Chair declared that discussion in a public meeting may have detrimental effect on the towns' litigating position. The public meeting will reconvene at the end of the Executive Session.
- Closed the Executive Session and resumed Public Session at 8:10p.m.

Adjourned meeting at 8:11p.m.

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

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James Huston

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Arthur Pichette