

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: July 11, 2016  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the head table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner and Selectman Brazie.

Present in the audience were Brian Shaw, Susan Bachelder, Tyler Race, Bill Tighe, Hans Carlson, Ted Crosby, Bill Minacci, Michael Sutton, Kyle Kemp, Joe Pravia, Paul Montgomery, Ralph Noveck, Bill Turner, Mike Rossie, Sam Hungate. Arriving later Derek Gentile, Berkshire Eagle reporter.

Three applications were received for the position of Police Chief. The Screening Committee interviewed all three and by a majority vote recommended Tyler Race as the finalist for a final interview with the Board of Selectmen.

The Board interviewed Tyler Race.

Motion was made and voted unanimously to move the agenda item to appoint the Police Chief forward.

Motion was made and voted unanimously to appoint Tyler Race as Police Chief for a one year probationary period with a review evaluation by both parties in 8 months and a clause allowing Tyler to return to his position as full-time Police Officer if for any reason either party feels there is a need, and a three year renewal if all parties agree.

Full-time Officer Kyle Kemp updated the Board on his attendance at the Academy. He is over half way through and is doing well.

Brian Shaw, Susan Bachelder, Tyler Race, Bill Tighe, Hans Carlson, Ted Crosby, Bill Minacci, Michael Sutton, Kyle Kemp, Joe Pravia, Paul Montgomery, Ralph Noveck, Bill Turner, Mike Rossie, Sam Hungate all left the meeting.

Arriving for the meeting were Carl Stewart, Julie Ruth(Berkshire Record), Tom Sierau, and a bit later Vito Valentini, Dave Hastings, Bonnie Silver, Maria Rundel.

MINUTES:

The Board accepted minutes of the June 16, June 20, June 25, June 30 and July 5 meetings with minor corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board approved the request of the Friends of Prospect Lake to hold their annual tag sale in the Town Hall parking lot on August 20.

The Board appointed Jared Kelly to the Complete Streets Committee.

The Board appointed Mark Roggen to the Technology Committee.

The Board agreed it had no standing in the approval of a Common Driveway and will notify the Planning Board of same.

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of T.J. Horrigan from his position as Highway Foreman. The position advertisement has already gone out.

#### SCHEDULE ISSUES:

The Board informed the School Superintendent and the School Committee members present that contrary to what they had heard from an outside party there is no need to move the students from the School House. The work can begin as soon as school is out and end before school starts again. The School asked for weekly updates which will be sent via email. The school will notify the parents of the plans.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The bill from Catamount for work done at French Park authorized by the French Park Committee has been sent onto the French Park Fund in the hope they will agree to pay it as the Town cannot due to a potential conflict of interest.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Board appointed the following as Poll Workers:

Rosemary Besancon, Marlene Soudant, Barbara Shultis, Gerald Lanoue, Marj Wexler, Sue Turner, Peg Muskrat, Lisa Eklund.

The Board appointed the following as members of the Board of Registrars:

Marlene Soudant  
Jeanne Peck  
Sue Turner

The Board approved the following end of year transfers:

\$.10 to Planning Board Expenses from Planning Board Wages  
\$.08 to Tree Warden Wages from Tree Work  
\$68.82 to Social Security/Medicare from Property/Casualty Insurance  
\$262.50 to Police Vehicle Expenses from Police Cruiser

Legal Counsel has ruled that the spirit of the statute requires a special town meeting be held within 6 months of holding a public hearing on proposed bylaw change, negating the motion made at the prior Selectmen's meeting in which it was voted that a town meeting may not be held.

The Board will schedule a second meeting with the Town of Sheffield to discuss sharing highway services.

The Board will consider joining Next Century Cities after reviewing its six shared principles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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