

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: September 26, 2016
Time: 6:56pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

The meeting was video and audio recorded.

Also present for part of the meeting was Jeremia Pollard. Marj Wexler arrived a bit after the beginning of the meeting.

The Board chatted with Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard about the Catamount case which will cost the town more money, the Bucknell case which just had its first summary judgement hearings, and the Technology Committee.

At 7:04 the Board began its regular meeting agenda.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 12 and 16 meetings were accepted with minor corrections.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Chairman Flynn reported that he had one call at home complaining about the Board of Health's new Tobacco regulations. He informed the caller that the Board of Selectmen had nothing to do with the regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board unanimously approved the hiring of Roxanne Gawthrop by the Historical Commission to help catalog the records of the North Egremont Baptist Church in the Archives room.

The Board felt that the current Computer Policy was well written. It will be distributed to all Town Officials for their review. Chairman Flynn offered to conduct training on the use of email.

As the data on the Residential Exemption has not been received yet the Board deferred this to the next meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to expend \$3680, from Chapter 90 funds, to update the Road Conditions report done in 2014. The agreement with BRPC was signed.

The Board will send a letter to the School Committee asking for the financial reports that used to be sent to the Towns and asking for details on the alleged assessment issues that was reported in the Berkshire Record.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board will ask that the Planning Board issue a more detailed report on the public hearing for the proposed District's bylaw that states more than they have decided not to move the proposed bylaw

amendments forward to a special town meeting.

The work on the Tennis Courts at French Park has been completed.

Chairman Flynn feels that a redundant back up to the server is not needed at Town Hall as long as it is backed up to the cloud. The quote received is \$9131. By making this change we should save at least \$2318.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board reviewed Kyle Kemp's wage during his attendance at the academy and prior to his attendance. The Board agreed that he should remain at the same level he was at before his attendance at the academy and that there would be no anniversary increase until next year.

The Board will ask the Highway Union if there is some appropriate way to pay Don Peck extra for a week while he is left in charge of the Highway Department.

The Board agreed to a tentative date of December 21 for the Town's Holiday Party at the Barn at the Egremont Village Inn if the ZBA will agree to amend the special permit for that one evening. The permit allows community use at the Barn on Wednesday but only until 6pm and doesn't allow any entertainment.

The Board will hold an All-Boards meeting on October 24 at 7pm at the Town Hall. It is hoped that budget forms can be given out that night.

Chairman Flynn reported that the MCAS scores at Undermountain Elementary were low which bumped the school down to a Level 3. He would like to urge residents to attend a special School Committee meeting being held September 29 to discuss this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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