

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: July 10, 2017
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Bruce Turner, Vice-Chairman McGurn, Selectman Brazie.
Attached sign in sheet will show the majority of those present in the audience.

At 6:10pm the hearing on the issuance of the nuisance dog owned by Ms. Windman was called to order. All parties were sworn to tell the truth. The Board listened to the complainants, Lisa Paris and Jamie MacKenzie, state their case that Ms. Windman's dog Cole is aggressive, over a 1 and half year period he has attacked other dogs, and should not be allowed at the Dog Park. The Windman's and other stated that yes Cole can be ornery and there have been scuffles between him and other dogs, but he has a shock collar that is actively used and with training has become less ornery. Cole's babysitter noted that Cole plays quite loudly with other dogs. The Board heard from Police Chief Race whose department began to receive complaints from Jamie MacKenzie and Lisa Paris in May of 2017. A report from Dog Officer John Springstube was read in which he noted his first complaint was via town hall in May of 2017. The hearing was closed at 6:50pm. After a short debate the Board of Selectmen voted to delegate Vice-Chairman McGurn to meet with all parties to establish a schedule of use of the dog park so that the parties and their dogs are not at the park at the same time. Vice-Chairman McGurn will schedule this with the parties. All parties can use the park at this time and it was recommended that observation and guidance be given to the dogs. The no trespass order against Ms. Windman is lifted.

At 6:54pm the Board recessed to 7pm at which time the regular meeting of the Board resumed.

MINUTES:

The Board approved the minutes of the June 19 meeting as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to move forward with the cable franchise license with Charter/Spectrum, and to delegate the Technology Committee to conduct the initial negotiations.

The Board voted unanimously to request a waiver from the Department of Telecommunications and Cable of the initial solicitation period as MBI has already conducted that solicitation for the Towns.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board signed the enrollment contract with Tyler Technologies to move forward with the CAMA tax assessment program beginning in FY 2019.

The Board announced the celebration of the Town's 242nd birthday on Saturday, August 26 (later changed to Sunday, August 27th from 12:30pm to 3pm) from 11am to 3pm in the village of South Egremont. The event will include a potluck lunch and other fun and informative functions.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board approved the following end of year transfers:
\$.04 from #2 Selectmen's Salary to #3 Selectmen's Salary

\$18.02 from #2 Selectman's Salary to Selectmen's Expenses
\$.04 from Town Clerk Expenses to Town Clerk Salary
\$1125.70 from Building Maintenance Utility Expense to Maint Superintendent Salary
\$.08 from Tree Work to Tree Warden Wages
\$1,800 from Water Utility to Water Wages.

The Board did not approve the Water Department request to move utility money to repairs as it was unclear what the need was.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the vacant building insurance coverage, without terrorism coverage, for the South Egremont Village School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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