**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

**9/17/18, 6:30pm, Rhodes Building**

**Present:** Selectman Ribeiro, Selectman Pearson, Kathy Martell, Bill Martell, Fred Vanderbeck, Joe Larson, Dan Robb, and Susannah Carey.

**Absent:** Selectman Agoglia

**Open:** Selectman Pearson opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

**Minutes**-tabled until Selectman Agoglia returns.

**Use of Community Hall for 275th Anniversary Celebration**

Cynthia Weigel discussed flyers and signage placed around town that is drafted. Historical Society was waiting for town counsels ruling on using Community Hall for the event. Counsel determined that if a ramp could be acquired, then the building could be open during the celebration. Assorted Craftspeople will be at 3 locations; Library, Community Hall (lacemaker and photos of Campbell Bakery), and Old Town Hall (blacksmith, spinning wheel, and felt/fur hatmaker and straw braiding). The Fire Department will not have trucks on display. The School has not confirmed if it will be open but may have work displayed in one of the locations. Two tours of the Museum will be held at Town Hall Complex as well as an interactive timeline display in the Library. Request from PHS for Town’s support in covering costs of signage and ramp. Bill Martell recalls that budgets for FY19 can’t be overridden for unforeseen expenses; Gail Weiss will be consulted on accounts that may be able to fund the ramp. Signage will be paid for out of the PHS budget. Selectman Ribeiro will search for a ramp to rent for outside Community Hall. Discussion included historical interviews that have been transcribed and the Shrab grant and roving archivist activities providing a whole town survey and 17 page report.

**Select Board Review Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles & Finalize with Moderator**

Warrant read in its entirety by Moderator, Dan Robb.

Motion to accept articles 1, 2, and 3 as amended by town counsel and recommend by Select board, seconded, motion passes.

Motion to accept article 4 as amended by town counsel and recommend by Select board, seconded, motion passes.

Article 5 will be left without the Selectmen’s recommendation.

Article 5 may need more discussion during Fall Town Meeting as this property has no frontage; no buildable lots because it is in the woods.

Motion to accept article 6 as amended by town counsel and recommend by Select board, seconded, motion passes.

Option to amend Article 6 on the floor of Fall Town Meeting if the grant money is exhausted before October 15, 2018, or if any language needs to be edited.

Energy Committee exploring several projects currently; solar, carports, and geothermal; that may affect where the EV charging stations are located in the Community Center parking lot.

More information is needed about the amount of revenue and why there is such a push for the EV charging stations in the State. Selectman Ribeiro has addressed new questions about the charging stations and noted that Level 3 charging stations would degrade battery life by ~50%. The grant and warrant article would allow for 4 dual Level 2 charging stations and prepare the town for future needs of the community.

**Review Draft of Slate Newsletter-Fall Edition**

Draft reviewed and suggestions for layout, font, spacing, and articles discussed. Slate will be sent out hopefully the first week of October with the Fall Town Meeting warrant.

**MIIA Insurance Offer-1 Year Cyber Liability Coverage & Application**

Information was not yet acquired for this discussion.

**Town Officials**

Kathy Martell had a discussion with Tony Rogers (Energy Committee) about the temperature sensor placed in the vault. The humidity level was good inside the vault and the level only spiked above the normal range when the door was left open.

**Public Comment-none.**

**Liaison Reports**

Highway Department; Selectman Ribeiro; Mr. Bianchi contract is signed for North Valley Road culvert engineering. Solar feasibility stucy from Precision Decision not received yet. Morgan Studios variance application was turned in for Community Hall project. Rick is working on purchasing a motion sensor light for the Rhodes Building.

Town Offices-Waiting to hear from KP Law about possible dates for public records training.

Fire Department; Selectman Pearson; Recall of fire extinguishers will be shared with all for posting in office and on website. Suggestion to include in the Slate with a note from the Fire Chief.

Police Department; Selectman Pearson; Date not chosen for Interview Committee. Joanne Misiaszek, Amherst HR Department, will look into qualified applicants not selected for the recent Amherst Police Officer position.

Finance Committee; Selectman Ribeiro; Next meeting on 9/24/18 at 6:00pm.

Library; Selectman Pearson; Trustees Report.

Elementary School; Selectman Ribeiro; Jim McPherson is addressing possible ways to save energy by means of the lights and windows at the School. The beginning of the school year was extremely hot.

Regional School; Selectman Ribeiro; Karen will send an email with report to all.

Regional School District Planning Committee; Selectman Agoglia-absent; no report.

Other-Building Inspector issued cease and desist order to tenant at 14 Boyden Road. Selectman Ribeiro has been in contact with Pam White.

**Old Business**

Next Select board meeting should be posted for 9/20/18 at 5:30pm in Ramsdell Room with agenda to include: MVP Update and Preparation for Roundtable, and Meeting Location discussion.

**New Business**

Recent turnaround issue on Lower North Valley Road before bridge closure signs and Cowls truck had to back down entire road to Buffam/Meetinghouse Rd intersection. Selectman Ribeiro will follow up with Rick about further signage. Email to be shared from Selectman Pearson about the posting on Neighbor2Neighbor site.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, seconded, motion passes at 8:33pm.

**Documents Examined**

Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles, Draft Slate Fall edition, Town Counsel response for Community Hall use during 275th celebration.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey