

Town of Shirley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES March 23, 2015 7:00pm TOWN OFFICES

The Board of Selectmen convened its meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015 at the Town Offices, Meeting Rooms A & B, Chairman David N. Swain presiding, with Selectmen Kendra J. Dumont, Robert E. Prescott, Jr., Town Administrator Patrice Garvin in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Swain called to Order the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 7:00pm

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Administrator Patrice Garvin gave her weekly report to the Board of Selectmen for March 23, 2015. She reported that her and Selectman Kendra Dumont spoke to Scott Ahern, the Assistant Legislative Director in the Office of the Governor.

The Board of Health met Monday, March 9th to award the trash hauling contract. As she reported to the Selectmen at a previous meeting, the Town received four bids, varying in price. The Board of Health awarded the Trash Hauling contract to E.L. Harvey out of Westborough for the total of \$207,000, not including tipping and average tonnage, which bring the total to \$285,000. Garvin noted that the Town has appropriated more money toward its trash program totaling \$150,000 in FY16. The Trash Enterprise will be seeking an additional \$135,000 at Town Meeting.

The Police Officer Search Committee is meeting with prospective candidates on Monday, March 30th, beginning at 9am. Once the finalists are selected, Garvin stated that they will move to the next phase, which is to bring them before the Board of Selectmen.

Garvin reported that she attended the Council on Aging meeting on Wednesday, March 11th. She met with the Committee to propose the idea of Shirley hosting a Regional Council on Aging meeting at the Shirley Senior Center. She noted that this would be a good opportunity to learn what is and is not working in other communities' Council on Aging. The idea was well received by the Council. She will report back to the Board of Selectmen, once a date and time has been selected.

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, March 10th. The Committee discussed the next steps for the zoning that was recently withdrawn from February's Special Town Meeting. The Committee decided to bring back Lancaster Road and the zoning wording changes to the Fall Town Meeting this year. Town Administrator also reported that the Committee will focus on sustainability of businesses already located in Shirley, as well as securing new members.

The Finance Committee met last Tuesday, March 10th. The committee decided to invite Nashoba Technical High School Representatives to one of their upcoming meetings, as well as the Ayer-Shirley Regional School District. Garvin noted, not speaking for FinCom, one concern heard was the impact on the increased school assessment on FY16 and beyond, since they are reoccurring costs.

Garvin reported that Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito announced the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP), which will assist in the repair of roadways due to the harsh winter weather. MassDOT is issuing a one-time contract allowing the Town of Shirley to be reimbursed for up to \$37,931.

Finally, TA has been in conversations with the War Memorial Trustees regarding the lease of the War Memorial Building. The Trustees will come before the Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 6th.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Payroll warrant	<u># 0138</u>	<u>03/18/15</u>	<u>\$ 5,797.05</u>
Payroll warrant	<u># 6138</u>	<u>03/18/15</u>	<u>\$ 37,031.93</u>
Payroll warrant	<u># 9138</u>	<u>03/18/15</u>	<u>\$ 1,700.01</u>
Payroll warrant	<u># 0139</u>	<u>03/25/15</u>	<u>\$ 7,145.25</u>
Payroll warrant	<u># 6139</u>	<u>03/25/15</u>	<u>\$ 37,290.56</u>
Payroll warrant	<u># 9139</u>	<u>03/25/15</u>	<u>\$ 16,416.33</u>
Payable warrant	<u># 2385</u>	<u>03/18/15</u>	<u>\$ 349,018.01</u>
Payable warrant	<u># 2395</u>	<u>03/25/15</u>	<u>\$ 67,907.11</u>
Payable warrant	<u># 9425</u>	<u>03/25/15</u>	<u>\$ 93,621.00</u>

Selectman Dumont moved to accept the following Treasury Warrants as presented. Selectman Prescott Seconded. Robert E. Prescott vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye, and Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Dumont moved to accept the Minutes of March 9, 2015. Selectman Prescott Seconded. Robert E. Prescott vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye

OLD BUSINESS

1. Energy Committee Update

Bryan Dumont, Chair of the Energy Committee, told the Board of Selectmen that National Grid has agreed to scrap its plans to building a small solar farm on Kittredge Road in the midst of a residential area, in favor of two other sites in town. Chairman Swain noted that there are other more suitable land available.

National Grid's new bid is to build a couple of solar farms on the preferred parcels; one is the Shirley Water District land and the other is owned by the Town of Shirley.

Selectman Dumont moved to authorize Bryan Dumont and Town Administrator Garvin to negotiate the tax deals with National Grid so they can be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

Bryan Dumont further discussed the proposed project grants that would pay for replacing the HVAC Air Transfer Units on the Roof of Town Offices with variable speed units, and replacing the two failing units at the Police Station and adding insulation at the Senior Center.

Selectman Dumont moved to authorize the Energy Committee to submit competitive grant applications totaling \$242,102, with the attached conditions. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

2. FY16 Budget Update

TA reported that the deficit is hovering around \$930k, based on the current figures. Spending from Snow & Ice Account went into the red. The biggest hit is the Ayer Shirley Regional School District Assessment which was a 10.7% increase over last year.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Surplus Material – DPW & Fire Department

DPW Foreman Paul Farrar and Fire Chief Dennis Levesque requested that the following items be added to the Surplus Material:

- 1994 International Dump Truck/Sander Combo;
- Building Inspector's old car;
- Two (2) ten yard dump bodies (1976 & 1982); and
- 1952 Dodge Truck

Selectman Dumont moved to have 1994 International Dump Truck/Sander Combo; Building Inspector's old car; Two (2) ten yard dump bodies (1976 & 1982); and 1952 Dodge Truck be placed as surplus material. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

Selectman Dumont moved to have the 1952 Dodge Truck to be placed as surplus material. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

4. One Day Liquor License : Holy Name Dinner & Raffle

Selectman Dumont moved to grant the Special License for the Sale of Wines and Malt beverages Only, to be Drunk on the Premises Under Chapter 138, Section 14, of the Liquor Control Act for the Holy Name Dinner & Raffle to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Parish Hall from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

5. Release of Liens: 22 Leominster Road & 10 Davis Street

Request for the Release of Liens from the Shirley Housing Improvement Program (SHIP).

Selectman Dumont moved to Release the Lien for 22 Leominster Road, and 10 Davis Street, Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

6. Appointment: COA

The Council on Aging at their meeting of March 11, 2015, voted unanimously for Joellen Sheehan to replace Al Chevette, who resigned due to illness.

Selectman Dumont moved to appoint Joellen Sheehan as member to the Council on Aging, term to expire June 30, 2017. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

7. Fire Department Union Contract

Selectmen reviewed the Amended Fire Department Union Contract. Changes made on page 3 under the Article 7 – Dues Deduction, Section 1; and page 10 Section 7 Cost of Living and Step Adjustments.

Selectman Dumont moved to accept the two changes as proposed on the Fire Fighter Union Contract. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selectman Prescott moved to go into executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21 (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and return to open session for adjournment purposes only. Seconded. Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye and David N. Swain vote Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

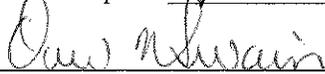
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ADJOURNMENT

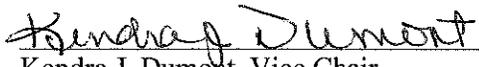
With no further business to discuss moved and seconded to adjourn. Robert E. Prescott vote Aye , Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, and David N. Swain, vote Aye .

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Rocco, Executive Assistant

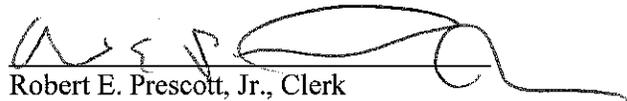
Date Accepted: April 6, 2015



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