

Town of Shirley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

November 16, 2015

7:00 pm

TOWN OFFICES

The Board of Selectmen convened its meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Town Offices, Meeting Rooms A & B, Chairman Robert E. Prescott, Jr. presiding, with Selectmen Kendra J. Dumont, David N. Swain, Town Administrator Patrice Garvin in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Prescott called to Order the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 pm.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Town Administrator gave her weekly report.

Garvin stated that traditionally the Board of Selectmen close the Town Offices on the day after thanksgiving, but this year due to ongoing union negotiations she recommends keeping it open to the employees but closed to the public. Garvin suggested allowing any employee that wishes to have that day off to use their vacation time. Garvin states that there are already two departments that have expressed interest in being open on that Friday.

Garvin reported that Selectman Dumont and she attended the veteran's breakfast at the Council on Aging where she was asked if the Selectmen would like to join the COA in their meals on wheels efforts in November. Selectmen Dumont stated interest.

Garvin stated that the Town did not receive the MassWorks Grant that she had applied for. Garvin expressed how unhappy she was considering that the project met all requirements and was "shovel ready". Garvin is meeting with the DPW Foreman to discuss other funding possibilities as well as Secretary Jay Ashe to discuss what the Town can do to be prepared for next year's grant process.

TREASURY WARRANTS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Swain moved to accept the Minutes of June 1, 2015. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Energy Committee Update

Brian Dumont, Chairman of the Energy Committee came before the Board of Selectmen to remind Selectmen of the National Grid Community Assistance Program on November 17th at the Town Offices and Senior Center from 9:30 – 1:00.

Dumont mentioned that Gridsmart who the Town has a contract with was able to lock the municipal rates in at 9.5 cents per kh instead of the 12 cents that had been paid previously. Creating a considerable savings for the town.

Dumont stated that the Wire Inspector would be going to a course on large scale and rooftop solar development. Dumont states having someone in-house with this knowledge will be greatly beneficial since we are in the process of several substantial projects.

Finally, Dumont is seeking permission to work with GridSmart on selling our accumulated solar credits. This could result in between 13,000 and 15,000 additional dollars for the town.

Selectman Swain moved that we authorize the Town Administrator in affiliation with Gridsmart to go to market with the Towns accumulated solar credits. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

2. Budget Coordinating Committee Update

The Town Administrator reported that the BCC had met earlier in the day and are putting together a report to bring to one of the December Board of Selectmen meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 7:05 Tree Hearing- Spaulding Road

Selectman Swain moved to open a Tree Hearing at 7:09 p.m. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

Selectman Swain read into the Minutes:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 87, as amended, the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:15 pm at the Shirley Town Offices, 7 Keady Way, Shirley, relative to a request for two tree removals. The property owner of 5 Spaulding Road requests one 6" Maple Tree and one 10" Cherry Tree be removed because they are damaged and/or dead. Said trees have been duly posted in accordance with MGL Ch. 87, Section 3. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may forward their comments in writing to the Board of Selectmen, 7 Keady Way, Shirley, MA 01464, prior to the hearing.

Chairman Prescott noted the pictures provided show the trees are badly damaged or dead. He further recognized DPW Foreman, Paul Farrar's letter requesting that said trees should be removed.

Selectmen Dumont and Swain have no issues with this request.

Suzan Baxter of Hazen Road spoke up about the general welfare of the trees in the community. She stated that she was not against the current trees being spoken upon but would like to see more care taken in regards to proper tree care before it gets to the point of needing to remove dead or dangerous trees from properties. She spoke of proper trimming techniques and being careful while trimming.

Selectman Swain spoke of usual notification before a company will come around and trim / cut public trees.

Selectman Swain moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:35pm. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

Selectman Swain moved to approve the removal of two trees at for 5 Spaulding Road. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

4. National Grid Public Tree Hearing

Selectman Swain moved to open a Tree Hearing at 7:17 p.m. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

Selectman Dumont read into the Minutes:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 87, as amended, the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:15 pm at the Shirley Town Offices, 7 Keady Way, Shirley, relative to a request for two tree removals. Approximately 9 roads will have their trees pruned to prevent future power outages.

Robert from National Grid spoke about the main line on their hazardous tree list. He is the person who chose all of the trees to be trimmed to prevent future power outages. He stated that any person may keep the wood from the trimming of the trees if requested.

Lee Mirkovich asked who was paying for this.

Chairmen Prescott answered with "National Grid"

A woman read a poem to the Board.

Selectman Swain moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:33pm. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

Selectman Swain moved to approve the trimming and removal of trees as presented by National Grid as long as they remove the trimming if the owner requests. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

5. DPW Seasonal Appointments

Selectmen Swain moved to appoint John Guthrie, Brian Goodman, and Cody Palinkas as seasonal employees of the DPW subject to CORI checks. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

TA Garvin stated that after a study of local towns seasonal pay rates and the town was on average a dollar less than the surrounding areas.

Selectmen Swain moved to raise the Seasonal DPW workers' pay one dollar from last winter. Selectman Dumont Seconded. Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, David N. Swain vote Aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

6. Earth Removal – 16 Morse Circle

Selectman Swain moved to approve the Earth Removal permit for 16 Morse Circle per the attached orders of conditions and starting work at 8am. Selectman Dumont Seconded. David N. Swain vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

7. Driveway Permit – 16 Ayer Road

Selectman Swain moved to approve a resurfacing of an existing driveway permit for 16 Ayer Road per the attached orders of conditions. Selectman Dumont Seconded. David N. Swain vote Aye, Kendra J. Dumont vote aye and Robert E. Prescott, Jr. vote Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lee Mirkovich asked if there was a bylaw about how much top soil could be removed from any location.

Chairman Prescott stated that you can move up to 5,000 meters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectmen Swain announced that the Boy Scouts food drive was a huge success and raised over 20,000 worth of food for loafs and fishes.

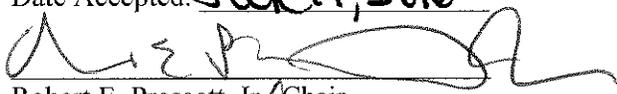
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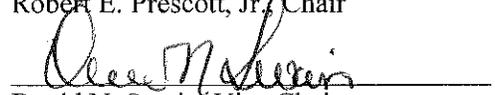
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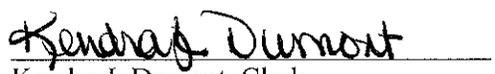
With no further business to discuss, *Motion and Seconded to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., Robert E. Prescott vote Aye , Kendra J. Dumont vote Aye, and David N. Swain, vote Aye .*

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Boudreau, Executive Assistant

Date Accepted: Jan 11, 2016


Robert E. Prescott, Jr., Chair


David N. Swain, Vice Chair


Kendra J. Dumont, Clerk

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