

Selectboard Minutes
May 19, 2021

Meeting opened at 6:33pm

Present: Judith Hoag, Chair; Ann Marie Visconti; absent: Tonya Santaniello
Duane Pease, Town Administrator (TA); Fire Dept. members: Ron Radwich; Larry
Pease; Diane Lewis; Crystal Kruzyna.

Minutes with addition of last names approve on motion by Judy, Ann Marie 2nd;
vote 2-0.

Board met with Fire Dept. to review letter regarding ambulance service provided to town by Hinsdale and possible service provided by Hilltown Community Ambulance. After much discussion it was agreed that both letters submitted stating their position would be left as is with the cost of Hilltown added to their letter. There will be discussion about both options at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) and vote.

Mail: Judy signed the contract with Berkshire Health Alliance that will provide Town with Public Health nurse.

Board then met with members of the Finance Committee to review draft of the ATM warrant. Articles 3, 4, 5 6, 7 & 8 were agreed upon with exception of the Assessor's budget which has not been submitted to date. Article 9 deals with public safety, the Police portion of the budget was passed over at this time, the rest were agreed upon with exception of Dog Officer's Salary and Animal Inspector's Salary, after discussion it was agreed to raise Dog Officer to \$1,000 and Animal Inspector to \$750. Board of Health agent was also raised to \$5,000 as that is contract price with Berkshire Health Alliance.

Articles 10, 11 & 12 were reviewed and agreed. Article 13 deals with Alternative financing of Gateway budget, this would increase the Town's cost by \$115,974 over the Statutory budget, board agreed not to recommend at ATM.

Only question the Board had was of Fire Dept. request for \$27,715 to purchase off-road rescue vehicle, would like Fire Chief to provide more details at next SB meeting. Article 25 will be corrected to show how purchase of new truck will be paid for/financed, TA will advise Finance on wording. Also discussion of Article 27 requesting \$10,000 repair, repaving and lining of the basketball court.

Judy motioned to adjourn, Ann Marie 2nd; vote 2-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Judith Hoag, Chair

Ann Marie Visconti

Tonya Santaniello