

Selectboard Minutes
February 9, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:300pm

Present: Ann Marie Visconti, Chair; Tonya Santaniello; Curt Robie
Duane Pease, Town Administrator

Also in attendance: Joe Kearns, Finance Chair; Adair Laurel-Cafarella; Judy Hoag;
Crystal Kruzyna.

Warrants reviewed and signed; Payroll: \$16,649.56; Expenses: \$14,151.35 &
\$2,135.76.

Public input went first as Judy and Crystal wanted to alert the board to a
community effort the Fire Dept. is going to do by supplying 2.5 gal pails of sand to
the seniors in town. There are approximately 60 seniors and they would be notified
by a CodeRed phone call. The buckets are being donated by L.P. Adams. This will
bring good will to the Fire dept. and town.

Ann Marie asked when the last “meet and greet” for new residents was held, it was
believed it was about 5 years ago. Perhaps another one should be considered; it is a
fun way for new residents to get to meet each other and other residents.

Review of Senior Center findings by architect was discussed next. Brett Thibault
had inspected the building and submitted report. He felt it would cost in excess of
\$12,000 for him to do a complete report (120 hours @ \$100/hr). Discussion on
what funding or grants may be available, check with PVPC to see if they have
grants available.

MVP, Chester, Huntington and Blandford are doing a regional grant for dirt and
paved roads and culverts and Middlefield may join in the grant. Curt said he had
been inContact with Doreen DeFazio of Commonwealth Consulting and they
would be willing to prepared grant application at no cost to the town and if
awarded their fee would be part of the grant.

Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 7 with voting held in the morning. Site
of meeting to be determined at a later date. Gateway is available at no cost to the
town.

Curt said there are grants available to construct charging stations and the town should consider installing a couple of them and reap the benefits of vehicle using them. Payment is made by credit card.

Also, the town should consider setting up stabilization funds for the school and capital fund. The school fund would protect the town from any unexpected steep increases in yearly assessment. Capital could be used for equipment for highway, fire, etc. these could be set up at ATM.

Hinsdale ambulance has had some staffing issues and town should see if there is anyway we could help them. Curt will have Ron check with them.

Old Business: there still are a couple of the radar speed sign to be erected but will have to wait until the frost is gone. Also, Transfer Station has need for couple of new signs.

New business: Open space survey is ready to go out, stamps are needed for mailing.

Public input: Judy suggested the highway dept. be given bonuses as they worked continually during the pandemic.

Curt motioned to adjourn, Tonya 2nd; vote 3-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:23.

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Duane Pease
Town Administrator

Minutes accepted with/without changes by:

Ann Marie Visconti, Chair

Tonya Santaniello

Curt Robie

