

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: March 13, 2017
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Flynn and Selectman Brazie.

Attached sign in sheet is the majority of those others present.

This meeting is audio and visually recorded.

At 6:00pm the Public Information meeting to get resident input on moving forward with Charter Communications began. 29 of the approximately 60 people in attendance spoke. Most of the speakers spoke in direct support of Fiber Connect and against Charter. Some speakers were more general in their wish to have high speed internet as quickly as possible. Attached list of speakers.

The Board announced that no decision would be made that evening as one of its members was unable to be present. The Board will meet jointly with the Technology Committee on Thursday, March 16 at 9am.

The public information meeting was closed at 6:58pm.

At 7:05pm the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was to called to order.

Present at the table were Chairman Flynn and Selectman Brazie.

Also present were Juliette Haas, Mark Roggen, John Wells, Corey Williams(Berkshire Record), Tom Siereau, Susan Bachelder, Ralph and Judith Noveck, Stephen Rawlings, Yury Seagull, and for parts of the meeting Eric Carlson, Richard Burdsall, Robert Gennari, Ellen Shaby, Dave Katzenstein, Van & Dean Forsman.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 27, March 1 and March 8 minutes were accepted with minor corrections.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

At 7:08pm the Board called to order the hearing on the application of Thomas and Maureen Steiner to install 4, 1000 gallon, under ground, propane tanks on their property located at 109 Baldwin Hill E/W. Eric Carlson, Carlson Heating & Propane, installer of the tanks spoke on behalf of the applicants. Abutting property owner Richard Burdsall noted that he has no objection. Abutting property owner Ellen Shaby asked about the hazards. Robert Gennari, Gas Inspector, noted his approval of the application. Fire Chief William Turner, unable to attend, expressed his support of the application via email. The Board voted unanimously to issue the license under MGL Chapter 148, Section 13. Hearing closed at 7:14pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Yury Seagull has proposed a town sponsored blog or forum. The Board supported the idea and asked that Mr. Seagull put his proposal in writing. The Board felt that a moderator would need to be hired

to oversee this.

The School Committee has voted to not include funds in the FY 2018 budget for the South Egremont School classroom. School Superintendent Dave Hastings choose not to attend the Board's meeting when invited. The Board voted to turn this over to legal counsel for action against the school as this is a violation of the school agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board noted it's postponement of action on moving forward with Broadband to March 16 at 9am.

The Board voted to increase the fee for a DBA certificate from the Town Clerk's office to \$20.

Board members attended the Open House at the South Egremont Congregational Church in which a presentation was made about the costs of the repairs needed. The Town taking over the church really isn't an option. Costs would go up as the Town has to conform to all the state codes and pay prevailing wages. Private means of funding are being sought.

The Board voted to adopt the Investment Policy as amended.

The Board agreed to place the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce's self-help booth here at Town Hall instead of the Library.

BUDGET/TOWN MEETING:

The Board voted not to place the zoning bylaw amendments for the Common Driveway and the Large Scale Solar Overlay District on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. Shortly after this vote Planning Board member Lucinda Vermuelen came down to say there were problems with the drafts proposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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The recording of the minutes is on record at the Town Hall for 90 days. Anyone who wishes to may obtain a copy or listen to the recording at Town Hall. Attachments are on file at Town Hall.