

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
LISBON TOWN HALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Thomas W. Sparkman, Robert T. Browne, Sr., John D. Gwiazdowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Kelly, Student Ambassador

2. Previous Minutes

A motion was made by R. Browne, seconded by J. Gwiazdowski, to approve the previous minutes as presented. VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

1. Report, Lt. Michael J. Thomas, Commanding Officer, Troop E. Montville, ST CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police Troop E, 2/5/14, Re: Monthly Police Services
2. Memo, Deborah Copp Johnson, Assessor, 1/31/14, Subject: 10/01/13 Grand List -\$369,429,683 (\$2,218,839 above 1/31/13 Grand List)
3. C: Extension Request for Filing Financial and State Single Audits thru 2/28/14
4. Letter, John Horgan, Plant Manager, Wheelabrator Lisbon Inc., 01/20/14/14, Re: Host Community Royalties for the Month of Dec. 2013

4. Public Comment - None

5. Old Business

a. Lisbon Fire Department - Upgrades

Mr. Sparkman advised that the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for the fire department upgrades has been submitted.

b. 25 Newent Road - Update

Mr. Sparkman reported that the purchase of 25 Newent Road has been officially supported by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission, Board of Education and Board of Finance. He advised that Town Engineer is reviewing the property for wetlands and a title search is being performed by Town Counsel.

c. The Nutmeg Network Grant Application - Update

Mr. Sparkman reviewed costs associated with a secondary internet line which will be an \$18,000 grant from the State for a company named Fiber Tech to install the line from the school to the Town Hall, then after installation, \$2,295 per year plus \$300.

A motion was made by R. Browne, seconded by J. Gwiazdowski, to approve utilizing the Nutmeg Network and the associated resolution for approval. VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

d. Lower Blissville Pond Dam - Inspection Update

There was no update due to weather conditions hindering inspections.

e. FY2014/15 General Government Budget - Update

A motion was made by J. Gwiazdowski, seconded by R. Browne, to forward the proposed General Government in the amount of \$2,564,463 to the Board of Finance.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

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f. Internet Services - Update

Referring to Mr. Browne's suggestion at the Selectmen's January 27th meeting regarding having the school's non-profit IT company review the town's system and make suggestions, Mr. Sparkman reported that he spoke with the school's Business Manager who informed him that the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology is under contract with the school to be the IT consultant at a cost of \$3,000 per month. He advised that the town's IT consultant has worked for the town many years and at a cost less than that of the school's, with night and weekend availability. He further advised that he would not be in favor of the school's IT consultant as a competitor reviewing the town's IT consultant's work. Mr. Browne then suggested that he would like to see an inventory of equipment and programs. A discussion followed.

6. Public Comment - None

7. New Business

a. Tax Collector's Request - Tax Refund, Timothy J. Minor

A motion was made by R. Browne, seconded by J. Gwiazdowski, to approve a \$49.22 tax refund to Timothy J. Minor.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

b. Strawberry Fields Sidewalk Replacement Project

After noting that there should be approximately \$450,000 available in the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) funds, Mr. Sparkman reviewed costs associated with the replacement of the sidewalks at the Strawberry Fields subdivision: Phase I - 4,800 linear feet along Sergeant Way and Penny Lane at a cost of \$435,000 and Phase II - 5,700 linear feet along Strawberry Street at a cost of \$510,000.

A motion was made by R. Browne, seconded by J. Gwiazdowski, to approve a "STEAP" grant application in the amount of \$435,000 for Phase I of the Strawberry Fields sidewalk replacement project. Mr. Browne withdrew his motion as did Mr. Gwiazdowski his second after a brief discussion regarding the financial implications to the town associated with the sidewalk requirement in the town's Subdivision Regulations.

8. Public Comment

The costs associated with the repair and replacement of sidewalks, required in the town's Subdivision Regulations, was commented upon negatively.

9. Any other business which may properly come before the Board. - None

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by R. Browne, seconded by J. Gwiazdowski, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED


Marlene Lepine, Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Thomas W. Sparkman, First Selectman

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CT ON 02/11/2014 AT 1:40pm
ATTEST, LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK
