

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen – June 8, 2015

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Attending for the Board was J. Huebner, S. Lennon and M. Case.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, M. Case made a motion to accept the minutes from June 1, 2015. J. Huebner seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously. T. Drugmand asked for a copy of the minutes. J. Huebner gave her a copy that he had.
3. E. Bond submitted quotes from Mark Roos for the repair and preservation of the St. Andrews Chapel wood work in the amount of \$3,900.00 and for the Little Red Schoolhouse cleaning and repairs for the sum of \$1,395.00. E. Bond asked if as Building Maintenance Coordinator he can accept the bids. The Board replied yes as the amount is below the required amount. The funds would come out of Building Maintenance Account.
4. M. Case reported that he attended the first Sunday in the park music event. The event began at 5:00 PM and ended around 7:00 PM, there was three guitarists, one saxophonist and an eleven year girl that sang like a nightingale. It was a nice relaxing time.
5. T. Johnson reported that on Thursday there will be core sampling on Watts Road and that the plan for Blots Road is to overlay a two inch coating of blacktop. T. Johnson did not know if D. Fish was coordinating with the Town of Hinsdale. There was discussion on coordination with Hinsdale.
6. J. Huebner reported that Peter Niles has retired as District 1 Department Head and that Mark Moore is has taken over as temporary Head of District 1. Mark Moore sent an email to the Town stating that he will do what he can to deliver the Summit Hill Road bridge design early fiscal next 2016. Route 8 re-surfacing has begun.
7. J. Huebner will ask P. Clark to be sure and attend the Capital Asset Meeting to get caught up on the road and culvert action items.
8. J. Huebner informed D. and T. Drugmand that Chief Breen was asked to investigate the incident that occurred on their property last Monday in which at around three in the morning a vehicle turned into their driveway, turned around in the lawn and burned out on the road. J. Huebner also reported that the Building Inspector was asked to inspect the properties both across and down the road from them. Brian Brennan introduced himself as the resident down the road from the Drugmands that he is before the Board to address the vehicles on the property explaining that he enters demolition derbies and tuff truck competitions with those vehicles and the cars or trucks will be there for a short time. There is currently one vehicle for that purpose on the property. Mr. Brennan added that he is the son in law of

Eugene Brunnell and that he just purchased 68 Cross Place Road. He does not want a bad reputation in around town. There was discussion on the burnout marks on the road with Mr. Brennan stating that the burnout marks on the road were not done by the occupants. Chief Breen reported that he inspected the tire tracks up and down the road, they cannot be matched. He has just received opinions of where they have come from. D. Drugmand recapped the events again then informed the Board that he contacted the State Police, which recommended installing surveillance camera, which he believes is a sad thing for a small town. T. Drugmand speculated that the occurrence had something to do with last Monday's discussion. D. Drugmand also informed the Board that when the second pile of brush was dumped on the Fish property he spoke to gentlemen dropping off the brush who answered that he doing some work for D. Fish and this is where he was asked to pile the brush. T. Drugmand added that neither she nor any of the other residents she spoke with were aware of any work being done. There was discussion increasing the State Police presence and surveillance.

9. V. Cormier informed the Board that she and C. Kennedy walked Washington Mountain Road to the Old School House to check out the culvert. The fence has been broken that the stream is full of brush and could clog and flood the road if we get heavy rain. V. Cormier also reported that the sink hole is getting bigger that it is dangerous for people to walk the road's edge. The Board asked T. Johnson to inspect the area and put out cones or repair the fence to make sure it is safe.
10. Glenn Grogan submitted for the Boards signature three Certificate for Covenant regarding financing the culverts with \$30,000.00 authorized November 10, 2015 and \$567,000.00 authorized March 16, 2016. The Clerk's Certificate was also submitted for signature.
11. The Board discussed the vacant Veterans Agent position. M. Case spoke to Mr. Clark out of Pittsfield since the secretary lives in Hinsdale she would have no trouble coming to the Town Hall by appointment and the price would be the standard \$3.00 per residence. There was discussion on Pittsfield vs Northampton. The Board would like to see a written contract from Mr. Clark before a decision is made.
12. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to post the Berkshire Taconic Annual Report.
13. J. Huebner announced that the County Health Initiative will be meeting to discuss important health information.
14. J. Huebner announced that there is a meeting regarding the pipeline this Thursday at 3:00 PM and that the Berkshire Public Health Governing Board will meet will meet later that day. J. Huebner will attend both.
15. There was nothing new to report on Bucksteep or land for a new cemetery.

16. Reviews: The Board conducted the annual reviews for Jodi Hostetter, Glenn Grogan, Mary Jarvie, Karen Avalor and Greg Viner.
17. V. Cormier reported on the septic system inspection that took place on Cross Place Road. Both the Health Agent and Engineer were present. S. Krzanik was very thorough. He explained a lot to both Vera and Barbara.
18. J. Huebner announced that there will be a Capital Meeting on Monday, June 15th. a Special Town Meeting on June 29th.
19. M. Case made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. J. Huebner seconded and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Hostetter