

Weathersfield Select Board  
Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2014

*Approved June 2, 2014*

**Present:** N. John Arrison  
Daniel Boyer  
David Fuller  
Richard Clattenburg

**Others Present:** Charles Horton  
Bonnie DuPrey  
Lynn Esty  
John Esty  
Betty Jo Esty  
Edith Stillson  
Westley Hazeltine  
Darrin Spaulding  
Jeff Slade  
Darlene Vetere  
Kelly Murphy  
Del Chase  
Sandra Chase  
Kathy Amison

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**2. Comments from Select Board and Citizens on topics not on the agenda**

- a. Chairman Arrison introduced the new police chief, Bill Daniels.
- b. Mrs. (Lynn) Esty stated that she had received complaints that the minutes of the May 5 meeting did not reflect the depth or detail of the discussions with the fire departments.

**3. Review minutes from previous meetings (May 5, 2014)**

Corrections:

- a. Change "Mrs. Kelly" to "Mrs. Murphy" in item #5(a).
- b. Change the first sentence in paragraph #4, item #3 to read, "Mrs. (Lynn) Esty stated that the water level has dropped so low in the pond on Cowdry Road *due to damage to the dam...*".

Mr. Boyer motioned to accept the minutes of May 5, 2014 with the above corrections. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**4. Discuss procedure to handle complaint against Select Board**

Chairman Arrison stated that several complaints have been filed against the Select Board and that the Town's policy on citizen complaints does not cover this situation. Much discussion followed on how to proceed.

Mr. Clattenburg motioned to instruct the Town Manager to look for a standardized policy to handle complaints lodged against the select board. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**5. Letter of complaint/Robert Stevens**

Mr. Stevens has filed a complaint against the Town for the state of the Reitzas property in the Bow. Mr. Arrison asked the Land Use Administrator to look into it. Mr. Stevens was not present at the meeting, so the results of the meeting with the Land Use Administrator are unknown at this time.

**6. Approve PACE Program documents**

Mr. Fuller motioned to table this discussion. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**7. Recommend appointments to positions of Forest Fire Warden and Deputy Forest Fire Warden**

Mr. Boyer nominated Josh Dauphin for the position of Deputy Forest Fire Warden. All were opposed (for the purpose of further discussion). There was much confusion about the process of appointing the Forest Fire Warden and the Deputy. Mr. Clattenburg motioned to ask the Fire Commission to research the issue carefully to make a recommendation to the Select Board. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**8. Discuss Tenney Hill Road Property**

- a. Condition of the pond and the dry hydrant: The pond is mysteriously full after much time being nearly empty. Mr. Spaulding stated that Velco is repairing the road.
- b. Potential for logging: There is limited potential for logging on this property.
- c. Use for trails: Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Murphy stated that many people walk their dogs on the trails.
- d. Whether to consider it "surplus": Mrs. Chase said that there is a valuable source of water associated with this property that the town should consider keeping. Points against keeping the property included the annual cost (\$1700 in annual taxes), the fact that the town just received a 300-acre gift, and that the Ascutney Fire District has a back-up source of water on the old Kelly farm. The Select Board would like to know how much the property value would be reduced if easements for the trails and water supply and a restriction on the number of housing units that could be constructed on the property were placed on the property.

**9. Award bids for purchase of grader**

Mr. Fuller motioned to award the bid to Cat #2 for \$159,900. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion and all were in favor. The option to purchase an extended warranty for \$7000 is to be discussed at a later date.

**10. Appointments**

No appointments were made.

**11. Approve warrants**

Mr. Fuller made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Warrants dated May 19, 2014 as follows:

General Funds	Operating Expenses	\$65,006.06
	Payroll	\$17,905.26

Highway Fund	Operating Expenses	\$14,413.62
	Payroll	\$11,958.69
Solid Waste Management Fund		
	Operating Expenses	\$3,923.05
	Payroll	\$1,553.85
Library	Operating Expenses	\$37.61
Grants		\$00.00
Agency Monies		\$47.00
Reserves		\$579.00

Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion and all were in favor.

12. The Board went into executive session to discuss contracts. At 8:55 PM, the executive session ended. Mr. Boyer motioned to send proposed changes in the Fire Department contract to the Fire Commission with notes. Mr. Arrison seconded the motion and all were in favor.
13. Future Agenda Items – 1879 Perkinsville School Committee appointments
14. Adjourn  
Mr. Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Clattenburg seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*deForest Bearse*