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MINUTES LIBERTY BOARD OF SELECTMEN OCTOBER 24, 2016 7:00 PM

In attendance: Melinda Steeves (1st Selectman); Carrie Peavey (2nd Selectman); Henry Hall (3rd Selectman); Denise Glick (Town Administrator); Bill Gillespie (Fire Chief); Dana Philippi (Frappoli's); Stuart Cox (Public); Barbara Worcester (Library); Judy Fuller (Library); Barb Rehmeier (Library); Svea Tullberg (Cannery).

1. Open Meeting 7:02 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes
3. Minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. Public Comment:
 - a. Library:
 - i. Water and Septic: Judy reviewed the Library's water and sewer situation and explained the Library's concerns about the sewer easement and agreements between the Town, the Cannery and the Library. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed that the Library has authority to decide if anyone can use Library water. Barbara W. said that they had sent a water sample in to the state to test water drinkability. Bill mentioned that the Fire Dept. had their water tested several years ago and it passed. He also said that they had occasionally allowed people to take water from the outside spigot. Barb also mentioned that the septic field, behind the red house, should be kept clear of debris and vegetation. The Selectboard agreed to add that task to the mowing contract.
 - ii. Dead Tree: Barbara also reported that there is a dead tree behind the library that could cause damage to the Library if it should fall. Henry agreed to work with Svea to take tree down. Svea agreed to pay for the expense.

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- b. Ice & Snow/Liberty Tool: Selectboard reported that Skip had not responded to our letter requesting he take action to prevent ice falling into the alley. After discussion about the situation, the Selectboard agreed to have signs created to read “Keep Out – Beware of Falling Snow”, and “Alley for Emergency Use Only”. Denise to handle getting prices for signs. The idea of a covered walkway also came up, but no decisions were made.
- i. Village Parking: Judy suggested that the Town purchase the Red House or the old barn and Svea agreed to discuss this with the other owners. Dana said that the “No Parking” signs and stencils along Main St. were not business friendly. The Selectboard and Bill all agreed that the stencils were applied at the direction of the full Selectboard, and that it needed to be done ASAP before the winter weather set in. The discussion included suggestions to purchase additional property adjacent to the parking lot. Discussion turned to speeding on Main St. Selectboard agreed that Denise should contact Sheriff Trafton and ask for increased law enforcement presence for at least the next 30 days. Gail asked what kinds of solutions had been discussed. Some of the solutions were: purchase additional land; take out the island and make the road one way, and repainting the lot to accommodate more vehicles. Bill offered to approach the Church with a request to use their lot for parking on weekdays and Saturday. Bill will follow up with that idea. Speed calming bumps were also discussed as a solution to speeding. Other ideas were: parking on the East side of Main was also discussed and there is a problem with the culvert and space, and “Entering Town of Liberty” sign, and a State survey of volume and speed, and splitting the flashing signs on the west end of Main by putting one on the lower, east side. Bill

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suggested that any plan be ready for the March 1st opening of Liberty Tool and Liberty Graphics.

5. Old Business:

- a. Fire Dept. Direct TV: Selectboard voted 2-1 no on Direct TV. Henry said he would prefer that we leave the decision up to the Chief. Bill said he'd raise the funds through donations and get it done.
- b. Maintenance – WC- MMA: Denise reported that MMA advised that only Volunteer Firefighters are restricted to specific work description. Other staff and employees are not restricted.
- c. Fuel: Maritime contracts signed and presented to Treasurer for payment.
- d. Assessors' Agent: Denise reported on her conversation with Jim Murphy. He has no time to take on additional work, nor does any other experienced, qualified assessor. He suggested that we consider taking on a newly certified assessor who he would agree to mentor. The Selectboard agreed that might be a solution to our problem.
- e. Lien/Foreclosure Process: Selectboard agreed to table until after November election.

6. New Business

- a. Walker School request to plow additional gardens: Selectboard agreed that as long as it didn't interfere with the hockey field.
- b. Dedication of the Annual Book: Selectboard agreed with Tammy's recommendation of Jesse & Toni Clark. Denise to notify Tammy.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Glick, Town Administrator