

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – May 8, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018, Special Meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Don Stein, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax refunds:

 \$ 115.01 Todd or Breahnna Mahler refund

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the expenditures through April 30, 2018 and noted that the Revenues were in-line with delivering a surplus, but that the increase in tax revenues would be offset by the reduction in budgeted municipal aid, particularly Education Cost Sharing, from the State. This will reduce the possible surplus, but the tax sale which was held proved to be beneficial as an offset to the State cuts. The only area with significant overruns is in the Highway Department (road salt and overtime), but those lines will be balanced using funds from the State Grants for Municipal Projects, which is designated for road projects or maintenance. Town Aid Road will also be applied to these lines or other road-related expenses as needed.

MOTION/DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the four properties now owned by the Town as a result of the fact that they did not sell at the tax sale:

Property	Lot Size	Town Appraisal	Back Taxes Owed
67 New Hartford Road	0.5 acres	\$52,600	\$30,794
67 Riverton Road	2.5 acres	\$67,260	\$36,176
56 Riverton Road	2.0 acres	\$65,420	\$40,241
34 North Canton Road	1.5 acres	\$70,480	\$45,750

After considering the above data, the potential for these properties to be desirable building lots, the geography of the lot, the large number of land parcels on the market and the time it takes to sell vacant land at a market price, the Selectmen decided to put these 4 properties out to bid on a sealed bid basis, with a minimum acceptable bid. Abutters will be notified and the sale will be advertised in one of the local newspapers.

The values were determined based on these factors and, on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously, the plan for the sale and the minimum prices were approved as follows:

Property	Minimum Bid
67 New Hartford Road	\$10,000
67 Riverton Road	\$15,000
56 Riverton Road	\$15,000
34 North Canton Road	\$20,000

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the Town has advertised for the vacant Assessor's position and for bids to modify the Town Hall stairs and kitchenette area.

The Assessor's opening has been advertised on the Town website and on the Assessor's Association website. There has been minimal interest thus far. Francine Beland will be working for the next few months until a replacement is found and to assure that the Grand List revaluation continues on track. Her time will be a combination of accrued vacation and office hours.

The carpentry repairs have been advertised on the Town website and the local contractors who do this type of work have been notified of the work.

A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to appoint Amy Starr to an alternate position on the Economic Development Commission for a term from March 9, 2018 through 12/31/19.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 on a motion by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman