

Town of Montgomery
Meeting of the Board of Selectmen/Board of Health
Minutes for March 19, 2020

Present: Michael Morrissey, Donald Washburn, Jacob Chapman, Jane Thielen, Maggie Bean-Ducharme

7:10 PM Meeting called to order: Maggie took the minutes.

I. Administrative Business

1. Review minutes from March 5th, Mike Morrissey makes a motion to amend the minutes under Selectmen New Business #5, motion to accept as corrected, all in favor.
2. Payroll & vendor warrants signed.
3. Mail and email reviewed.
 - a. Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant application deadline changed to 5pm on 4/15/2020, noted.
 - b. Municipal Cybersecurity Forum set for June 23 in Holyoke, no interest.
 - c. Public Hearing for Vegetation Management Plan for CSX Railroad, April 24 in Westfield Town Hall, no interest to attend.
 - d. MassDOT CIP Public Meeting in Springfield May 20th, noted.
 - e. Environmental Systems Corp, discussion on aggressive utility incentives/Eversource program, shared with board, no interest at this time.
4. Meetings and reminders
 - a. Review domain registration for MONTGOMERYMA.GOV that expired on 3/17/2020, Mike Morrissey makes a motion to pay for .gov domain, all in favor.
 - b. Bill for ambulance service \$4697.01, this exceeds the appropriated amount, discussion of paying this bill without town meeting approval. Mike makes a motion to pay for the ambulance service, quarterly bill and ambulance trust and the board will correct at the end of year, all in favor.

II. Selectmen New Business

1. Declaration of Emergency as per government recommendations reviewed. Mike Morrissey makes a motion to declare a state of emergency for the Town of Montgomery to comply with the Governors COVID-19 emergency action plan, all in favor.
2. Governor Baker's emergency actions order recommends the closure of all public facilities and offices until further notice, Mike makes a motion to follow recommendations, all in favor.
3. Mike Morrissey makes a motion to freeze all budgets in lieu of the state of emergency. Only emergency spending with the Selectboards approval will be allowed after today's date. Jane to send a letter to all department heads, all are in favor.
4. Jessie Martin, Eversource representative, in attendance. Public hearing for pole installation on Russell Road, Mike suggests Eversource rep to meet with the highway dept at the site, Jessie Martin to contact Curtis Bush from the highway dept.

5. Notice of the declaration of recess and continuance of the March 23, 2020 special Town meeting, reviewed and signed by the Board and will be posted outside the town offices.
6. Campus View Road issues with residents rescheduled.
7. Steve Monkiewicz in attendance to have a building permit signed for 29 New State Road, concern regarding suspension of Town Meetings, the Selectboard recommends the Planning Board move forward to review and sign the building permit, Jane to email the Planning Board.
8. Budget paperwork from Gateway Regional School reviewed, newsletter reviewed, \$18,000 increase from last year under the alternative assessment, \$83,000 increase under the statutory assessment, the Board will plan to budget under the statutory assessment.
9. GRSD email from Stacy Stewart regarding the regional school agreement, discussion regarding the inability to have a meeting due to COVID-19 shutdown, no discussion, staying in compliance with the Governor's orders.
10. Town hall use, closed until further notice, no one to use.
11. Glass case for Library and Town notices, Jacob Chapman fixed, no need to buy a new case.
12. Jane received information regarding nomination paperwork for the animal control officer, Jacob makes a motion to appoint Phil Camp as the animal control officer from 4/1/2020 - 4/30/2021, all in favor.

7:54 PM Closed The Selectboard meeting

7:55 PM Open The Board of Health meeting

I. Board of Health Business

1. Building Permit reviewed and signed for addition to house at 29 New State Road, resident Steve Monkiewicz in attendance and leaves a copy for the Planning Board to review.
1. Info from Mass DEP of Public Health regarding COVID-19, reviewed.
2. KP law, P.C. guidance for BOH regarding COVID-19, reviewed.
3. 2020 Hauler's Permit for C&S Septic Service, signed.

8:01 PM closed The Board of Health meeting

8:01 PM Moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. Unanimous vote.