

**Town of Montgomery**  
**Meeting of the Board of Selectmen/Board of Health**  
**Minutes for June 25, 2020**

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

**7:02 PM Meeting called to order.** Maggie took the minutes.

**I. Administrative Business**

1. Review and approve minutes from the June 11th meeting, all in favor, unanimous vote.
2. Payroll and vendor warrants signed.
3. Review of mail & email
  - a. Email from PVPC regarding Pioneer Valley Municipal IT Collaborative Membership renewal fee of \$250.00 reviewed. Mike makes a motion to renew membership and monies to be taken out of the networking budget, all in favor, unanimous vote.
  - b. Receipt of State funds for EMPG19 Grant, received full amount.
  - c. EMail regarding Community Compact Connector Grant: MassDOT Shared Streets info, reviewed and discussed, tabled.
4. Meetings and reminders
  - a. Emails from David Hopson, Jane to forward to all Board members.

**II. Selectmen New Business**

1. Senator Velis in attendance to discuss any town concerns for the state legislature. Contact information for the Senator to be placed at the town hall and placed in the Mountain Breeze. Senator Velis would like space in the Mtn Breeze to update residents with any new issues/concerns for the Town, Jane to let him know deadlines for placing info in the Mountain Breeze. Budgets discussed and possibly having to revert to a 1/12th budget. Hero's act discussed. Chapter 90 funding discussed as well as prevailing wage requirements. Discussed Town challenges through COVID-19 pandemic, and unemployment rates. Discussed the current Reservoir concerns of unattended fires, trash distribution around and in the reservoir, multiple large group gatherings and UTV use on the property. Concerns of who makes and enforces the rules, who is to patrol the area and enforce the rules. Discussed need for signage at entrances. Future meeting with DCR, EPO's, Westfield Police Chief, Mass State Police and Board of Selectmen discussed and Senator Velis would like to attend, Board to contact when a date is set. Today's school announcement from Governor Baker discussed, and bus transportation discussed. Contact information exchanged.
2. Annemarie Buikus, COA Chairperson, in attendance, has not received money from the 911 grant and she would like to purchase the posts to install the signs approved under the grant. Mike to place an order with Home Depot. Annemarie states she will continue as the Chairperson of COA until the end of December, COA page in Mountain Breeze to announce they are looking for a new chairperson.

3. Jacob reports on the fire truck damages and repair cost, all mechanical is done and insurance will cover. Quotes to fix the corrosion on the truck discussed, the Town would get another 6-10 yrs out of the truck if the corrosion is repaired. Mike makes a motion to utilize reserve in the Fire Department expense fund to make repairs to the fire truck all in favor to authorize \$11,400 for corrosion repair, unanimous vote.
4. Selectmen received a complaint of dogs barking at Thomas Road, Phil Camp dog officer in attendance to discuss. Resident has a kennel license that can be revoked if dogs are a nuisance, Phil to address the issue with the resident. Many residents have not paid for a dog license, Phil to resend info regarding late fees/fines to residents who haven't paid for a dog license yet. Discussed right to farm bylaw and changes needed, to be further discussed after ATM.
5. Annual Town Meeting seating arrangements reviewed, new date for ATM, June 29, 2020 at 7pm under a tent in the parking lot.
6. Transfer of funds to cover deficits, discussed. Highway budget reviewed, Clerks account reviewed, budget balanced.
7. Mike makes a motion to request from DOR to use a 1/12th budget in the absence of budget approval at the town meeting, all in favor. Jane to file paperwork with DOR.
8. FY2021 approval of appointment tabled.
9. Dates to open the Town Hall/Library to the public and requirements, tabled.
10. Montgomery Community Church Rental for March, April, May, rent to be prorated.
11. Opening of Community Church to be discussed when Phase III guidelines come out.
12. Donation of \$145.00 from the Community Church was sent to the Town and all in favor to accept.
13. Jacob received a complaint from a resident of Tekoa Road re: the road condition after a neighbor had dug a trench, the Highway Department looked at it and noted no damage to the road so no need for further discussion.

**8:53 PM Closed the Selectboard meeting.**

**8:53 PM No Board of Health Business.**

**8:55 Moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting, unanimous vote.**