

Town of Montgomery
Meeting of the Board of Selectmen/Board of Health
Minutes for July 9, 2020

Present: Michael Morrissey, Donald Washburn, Jane Thielen
Jacob arrived at 7:10 PM

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

I. Administrative Business

1. Minutes from the June 25th meeting not available for approval
2. Payroll and vendor warrants signed for FY2020 & FY2021.
3. Review of mail & email
 - a. Reviewed email from Governor Baker's office regarding reopening Massachusetts Third Phase.
 - b. Reviewed email from Eversource regarding Post-COVID Strategy.
 - c. Reviewed email regarding Comprehensive Summer School Guidance posted on DESE COVID-19 website.
4. Meetings and reminders
 - a. Reviewed mail regarding National Prescription Opiate Litigation
 - b. Lady had donated 4 American Flags to the Town for the 4th of July to be hung on town center light poles. Flags given to Jacob for posting on town flag poles.

II. Selectmen New Business

1. Donald & Donna Gogal attended meeting to discuss swine (12 pigs) right next to their property line by Brandon Matulewski, property owner abutting them. Board stated they must wait for results of 46 New State Road hearing before handling their issue. Discussed other issues concerning their abutter.
2. Reason for removing from June 25th vendor warrant the amount of \$70,000.00 into the Stabilization Fund as voted & approved at the FY2020 annual town meeting was because Board felt funds were needed to pay bills.
3. Reviewed, voted & signed Allied Waste/Republic Services contract from July 1st thru December 31st, 2020.
4. Discussed DCR meeting held in town hall parking lot. Don Washburn was present & met with City of Westfield representatives, Mass Rec. & Wildlife representatives & Game Warden from Dept. of DCR. Recommended adopting "No Parking" ordinance due to cars parking on Pitcher Street & Tekoa Road where the gate is located. Town Counsel will draw up a document for Board to have a hearing & vote on it.
5. Discussed Library reopening. Paula Stipek-Long, Librarian, had presented what the plans would be. Residents would use the side door, not use bathrooms, wear masks. Mike will send Paula an email as to other requirements. Board asked Paula to have sign in sheets as to who comes into the Library.

6. Church requested to use the bathrooms on Sundays. Board agreed but only if Joe Collingwood comes to clean on Mondays. Also ask Joe to clean stairs going downstairs to basement.
7. Discussed "CARES Act" grant funding. Use funds for door between Town Clerk's office & Selectmen's office, Fire Dept. LED lights & town offices, Buy defogging sanitizing trucks & equipment. Mike will fill out grant application.
8. Board voted & signed FY2021 appointment letters. Board voted to add Alan Ridgway to the Finance Committee. Board voted to dissolve the Broadband Advisory Committee.
9. Don made the nomination of Mike to be Chairman of the Selectmen, Jacob seconded the nomination. Vote approved. Mike made a motion to have Jacob be the Board of Health Chairman. This motion was seconded by Don and the vote was approved.
10. Mike showed the Board a draft of the Municipal Agreement between the Town of Russell and the Town of Montgomery regarding police issues & ticketing receipts. Russell Police would then serve Montgomery.
11. Jacob discussed a turnout gear grant for approval. Grant was due by June 30th & he was late in submitting it. He was afraid it might not be accepted. Mike said he will contact Pat Carnavale.
12. Jacob discussed a complaint he received regarding 83 Main Road. A large party was held and there was a problem with dogs running around into neighbors.
13. Mike mentioned giving stipends to employees rather than raises for FY2021.

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.