

Selectmen's Meeting
October 30, 2017
4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; and Margaret Serpa.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting at the first item on the agenda which was an Eversource hearing for putting a new pole on 6th Street. The weather was a bit wild that day and Ms. Jessica Elder from Eversource was not able to make it to the hearing. Neither was Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent. Mr. Fuller did send word that he approved of the project as applied for and had no issues.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if anyone in the audience had objection to the project or questions. There being none, he closed the hearing.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the new pole. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized the Water Department which was not on the agenda. Present was Superintendent Bill Chapman, Asst. Superintendent Shane Bendavid and Water Commissioners: Scott Ellis and David Burke. They wanted to talk about the Board of Health's decision to start the process to fluoridate the water.

Mr. Chapman stated that they understood they weren't on the agenda but the Commissioners felt their issue was pertinent and an emergency.

Mr. Burke stated that the Water Commission was perplexed at the decision of the Board of Health without consulting them. Now they have only 90 days from October 10th to get a petition together to delay it to a town vote for the ballot. This should be a vote at Town Meeting. There should be discussion. This is a big issue.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board of Selectmen is in agreement that it should be a decision made by the whole town. He believes they have worked it out with the Board of Health that they will A) Rescind their vote and B) Put it on the Town Meeting Warrant for a vote. This should shake out in the next week or so. Then the Water Department will have time if the Board of Health refuses to rescind the vote, to get signatures for the petition.

Mr. Chapman stated that his concern was the Board of Health acting without the Water Department.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Board of Selectmen were also disappointed in the Board of Health.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 10/5, 10/16 and 9/25.

A Travel Voucher for the Water Department.

Donations to the Council on Aging in the amounts of: \$100, \$125, and \$100.

A donation to the Board of Health for the Tick account of \$10,000.

One Day Liquor Licenses for the Library and the Federated Church.

At 4:20 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant