

**Board of Selectmen
October 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Chairman Elaine Puleo, Al Springer, and J. April Stein

Also present: Town Administrator Rebecca Torres and Administrative Secretary Leslie Bracebridge

Meeting opened at 6:40 PM

Topics

1. **Selectmen reviewed motions and procedures for the 7 PM Special Town Meeting** with Town Administrator Torres and Town Moderator Penelope Kim.
2. **Selectmen unanimously voted to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Leverett and Shutesbury Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS)** districts for medicine and supplies.
3. **Selectmen unanimously voted to sign an agreement with the University of Massachusetts Medical School,** for the school to serve as a clearinghouse for claims from Massachusetts public health clinics for vaccine administration, as the school was requested to do by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
4. Becky spoke with Dam Engineer and Consultant Morris Root and Lois Brown regarding **Brown's pond:**
 - It would take a huge amount of permitting to re-build the Browns' Dam.
 - Lois quoted \$11,000 just to do a review of what needs to be done. Lois Brown would like to use proceeds from the town or another agency buying a CR in her land to rebuild the dam.
5. Becky updated Selectmen on the **contaminated soil clean-up at the fire station:**
 - Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup Deputy Regional Director, Eva Tor told Becky that DEP personnel from Boston want a meeting with Shutesbury officials to set up a re-payment plan for the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) funds used during the summer to clean up soil surrounding the Fire Station.
 - Becky will coordinate a meeting.
 - Eva has the report from hazardous waste disposal company Clean Harbors, which Licensed Site Professional O'Reilly, Talbot & O'Neil's (OTO) Jim Okun needed to finish his final report.
 - The report also contains information needed to move forward with remediation under the fire station.
 - It will be up to the town to pay directly for remediation under the fire station. The summer funding was different due to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds no longer available.

Select Board Actions

1. **Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 12, 2010 as written.**
2. Selectmen signed vendor warrants totaling \$69,135.46.
3. Selectmen signed payroll warrants totaling \$81,581.19.
4. See item number 2 under Topics above.
5. See item number 3 under Topics above.

New Topics

1. **Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint Suzanne Hayden, Debra Pichanick and Marianne Jorgensen as election officers** as requested by Town Clerk Leslie Bracebridge.
2. **Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint Michael Reske as a fire fighter** and to sign a Personnel Action Form (PAF) for Michael.
3. Becky reported on her **conversation with Town Treasurer Voelker regarding Ronald Meck's request for compensation of his expenses resulting from the 5 Haskins Way auction:**
 - Though Treasurer Voelker likes the idea of compromise, she does not support going against the town's counsel on the matter.
 - Elaine voiced concern that the town take responsibility for auctioning off something that it didn't own.
 - Mr. Meck could have held onto the transaction by leaving the \$5,000 deposit with the town until the Z-lot title issue was resolved. The title search would only have taken a month, but Mr. Meck and his attorney were happy to get the full refund and move on last summer.
 - Looking at the chronology of events, it was the decision of the original owner to purchase the property back, not the Z-lot question that ended the sale to Mr. Meck.

Becky will write a letter to Mr. Meck notifying him that following a full discussion with town counsel and the town administration Mr. Meck will not receive the funds that he seeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bracebridge
Administrative Secretary