

Board of Selectmen Meeting: July 9, 2015
Present: Searle, Gibbs, Freiman, Morgan, and Murphy
Also Present: Larsen, Jop
Minutes Approved: July 20, 2015

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

1. Citizen Speak

None.

2. Executive Director's Update

Fiscal Year 16 Appointments

Ms. Jop reviewed three additional appointments which were overlooked at the June 25th meeting of the Board.

Upon a motion by Ms. Searle and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Jean Boyle and William Murphy to the Council of Aging for a one year term which will expire on June 30, 2016.

Upon a motion by Ms. Searle and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Lisa Verner as a School Crossing Guard for a one year term which will expire on June 30, 2016.

3. Town Government Study Committee Recommendations

Ms. Katherine Babson and Ms. Rose Mary Donahue joined the Board. Ms. Babson gave a brief update on the status of the recommendations from the Town Government Study Committee.

Ms. Freiman led the discussion for the Board. The Board discussed the hiring and appointment of department heads and concerns raised by various boards and departments. Ms. Babson and Ms. Donahue discussed the TGSC's position. The discussion primarily focused on building consensus between boards /committees and the Town Manager prior to hiring department heads.

The Board discussed potential policies needed with Town Bylaw amendments relative to hiring and termination of employees.

The Board discussed the TGSC recommendations on moving several elected boards to appointed boards including the Board of Assessor's , Board of Public Works, and the Town Clerk's position. Ms. Babson discussed a proposed recommendation which would keep the Board of Public Works as an elected board while the Moderator appoints a committee to further study whether appointment is preferred. The Board noted that finding and vetting potential board members for the appointed positions may create additional work. The Board reviewed other community processes and committees for selecting and appointing board members.

The Board noted they would continue the discussion on TGSC recommendations at their August 3, 2015 meeting.

At 7:05 pm the meeting was adjourned.