

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 30, 2012

Minutes

The Board of Selectmen met on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Carlisle Public School Cafeteria. Those present were Selectmen Douglas A. G. Stevenson, Peter Scavongelli, John Gorecki, John D. Williams and Timothy Hult. Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard was also present.

Board of Health Agent Linda Fantasia and Board of Health members Bill Risso, Cathy Galligan, and Donna Margolies were present.

Mr. Stevenson called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order and said the Board would remain in session from this point until 7:00 p.m. and during Town Meeting.

Mr. Stevenson said the only item on the agenda for this part of the meeting was to discuss and take a position on Article 22, the Community Septic Loan Program Re-Authorization. Mr. Goddard said there has been a minor change to this Article; the correct amount in this article should be \$200,000.00.

Mr. Stevenson said the last time the Board met there were questions and concerns about the Town's cost in administering the program and whether or not the Town wanted to be in the business of loaning money.

Bill Risso from the Board of Health was present to talk about this article. He said the septic loan program has brought in \$21,500.00 of revenue; \$15,000.00 came from the State grant to get the program started and \$6,500.00 is interest earned on the loans we put out to-date. Bill said right now there are two loans outstanding. He noted that if we do not pay this off this will become an automatic 20-year loan with the State with an interest rate of 2%.

In response to Mr. Hult, Bill said they do not receive the money all at once, but through lump sums. They have only taken \$130,000.00 in total. Bill added that they will receive another \$10,000 in administration money to run the program for the next three years.

Mr. Hult asked if we were to go ahead again with another program at \$200,000, can we rollover last year's amount into the new program? Bill said he asked that question and had not received an answer back yet.

Bill said there is no risk to the Town, other than it is time consuming, but it can be evaluated again in three years.

In response to Mr. Hult, Bill said he believed that all the administrative issues could be dealt with, and this is a program that is significant to enough residents and important to the Town in terms of improving the quality of the water in the Town.

Mr. Hult said this is a tool that can assist the Board of Health to do their job more effectively and the fact that there are citizens who have taken advantage of this and in anticipation that there may be other citizens who might take advantage of this in order to fix failed systems that might otherwise go unattended for a period of time is a common compelling good issue.

On a motion made by Mr. Hult and seconded by Mr. Scavongelli it was unanimously **VOTED** to support Article 22, relating to adopting the continuation of the Septic Loan Program.

The meeting continued in the Auditorium with the Town Meeting.

The Town Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Arena

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Approved: 5/22/12

