Call To Order: 6:30PM - The meeting was called to order by Barry at 6:30pm

Common/Cemetery – Caretaker Vacancy:
(Sarah Allen, Robert Richard & Betty Dimaio – Common Committee members and John Bartlett, Marge Reim and Kevin Roberts – Burial Commissioners, Al Bigos – past Caretaker)
The Board inquired about the recent advertisement for the Caretakers vacancy and questioned why the jobs were not divided. The Board stated that they believed that both groups would re-approach the Board with a hiring strategy before going out to bid. Sarah stated that the bids were not accepted/opened and that both groups were now in agreement to divide the jobs. Sarah stated that the Common Committee wished to hire a vendor to complete the tasks and would handle the acquisition similar to other vendor tasks accomplished on the Common. The Board talked with the Common Committee about trash, cleaning of the bathrooms and jurisdiction of the same. Sarah stated that the Common Committee had agreed to place the accountability with the Farmers Market and the Music Committee. The Board inquired as to how the accountability would be enforced. Sarah stated that the Common Committee would limit access or make repairs and back charge the other groups. The Board stated that they would like to see these commitments in writing. Mike stated that perhaps the Highway would be in a position to mow the Common and the Committee could then hire an individual to do the incidentals i.e. erecting holiday decorations, light painting, picking up trash, planting flowers. Sarah stated that she believed that the Highway Department would not have the time to mow the Common.

The Board asked out the status of Rice Fountain. Robert Richards told the Board that they had been in contact with Robinson to make repairs to the fountain. Sarah stated that the Committee had been in contact with Ms. Beth Sitterly, an Architect who assisted with the MA Historic Grant to paint the Town Hall, to enlist her assistance. Ms. Sitterly stated that she would assist the Committee searching for grants etc. The Committee stated that they would be printing fliers in the near future, with the assistance of Jonathan Cook, to ask for donations. The Committee stated that the Advisory Committee had discussed the possibility of having Robinson disassemble and store the fountain until such time that it could be repaired. This would protect the fountain from further damage. The Selectmen agreed and stated that they would support money to disassemble and store the fountain.

Kevin Roberts, Burial Commissioner, stated that the Commission would prefer to go out to bid for the Caretakers vacancy. He stated that this would allow for competitive bids v. a Town set stipend. After some discussion, the Board agreed to put the job out to bid. Kevin stated that he would put together a bid package for the Selectmen’s review.

Al Bigos stated that he was interested in being re-hired by the Town for the Caretakers job in the cemetery. Barry stated that the Town was obligated to either post the vacancy or go out to bid. He further stated that the Town had “no problem” with Mr. Bigos and would welcome his bid.

Jim Dimaio – Tree Warden:
Jim provided the Board with a list of Hazardous Trees, noting that 91 of the 97 trees had been removed. Jim thanked the Highway Department and tree crews involved with the project.

Mike motioned to approve an Arbor Day Proclamation for April 27, 2012. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Jim stated that he would be hosting an Arbor Day event at the Elementary School, inviting the Board.

Mike motioned to approve two (2) Forest Management Plans: Wigwam & New Braintree 89.15 acres and Route 9 122.3 acres, as submitted by Tree Warden Dimaio. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously. The Board briefly discussed the possibility of creating a revolving account to be used in conjunction with the Stewardship Plans.

Appointments:
Mike motioned to appoint David Pierce as Constable. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to appoint Barry Nadon Sr. as Animal Inspector. Second Mark. The Board voted Mike & Mark – yes, Barry – abstain.

Special Use Permits:
Mike motioned to approve a Special Use Permit for the Bass Seekers for July 14, 2012. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.
Keith Arsenault, Treasurer – Wellness Award:
Noting that the Town had recently received a Wellness Award from MIIA, Keith asked the Board to allow him to use up to $1,000 from his Group Health Insurance excess towards continuing the exercise program currently in place. Mark motioned to allow the Treasurer to utilize up to $1,000 from his Group Health Insurance Account towards the Wellness Program at MIIA. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

ATM Warrant:
Mike motioned to open the ATM Warrant. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board reviewed 24 potential articles.

Mike motioned to accept all 24 articles and to close the ATM Warrant. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Highway Grant:
Barry announced that the Regional Highway Department’s (Brookfield, West, East, Brimfield and Warren) had received a $58,000 Community Innovation Challenge Grant for equipment.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk