

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Attending: Gary Haley, Chairman, Julie Vanderhoop, Jim Newman, Paul Manning, Elise LeBovit, Sarah Thulin, Jeffrey Madison – Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

There were no minutes for approval as the Town Administrator's computer has been down for over a week.

Discussion on the Smalley's Knoll groundlease was deferred as there was no representative of the Island Housing Trust in attendance. The Selectmen did express their opinion that the project should move forward expeditiously.

There was a discussion of land being donated by Hannah Malkin to the Town. Elise LeBovit stated, on behalf of the Board of Assessors, that the annual cost of the donation to the town at present rates would be \$5,312 in valuation. It was pointed out by the Town Administrator that the reason for the agenda item was to inform the Selectmen that Mrs. Malkin's attorney had sent a proposed deed that would severely limit any use of the property other than a bicycle rack and a bench. He indicated that the town might want to consider being able to have a small turnout on the side of the road that would allow for two cars to turn off of the blacktop. There is a well on the property that may be useable to place an underground pump to feed a water fountain. Town Counsel had indicated that in order for the Town to accept the parcel town meeting action is required. It is expected that there will be a town meeting in early December where the matter can be more fully explained. Sarah Thulin, in response to Elise's comments mentioned that the value of the land with a conservation easement would more than likely exceed the annual revenue lost as a result of it being accepted for conservation. Sarah further commented the land would be a benefit to lands recently purchased in the area by the Land Bank and that it was a part of their Gay Head Moraine trail system. Elise commented that the property purchased from Zack family should be considered as a spot for yurts to house summer employees.

The Board tabled the discussion of the Green Communities program.

The board appointed Penny Weinstein as the representative on the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council by a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the sale of town-owned property to Phil Weinstein as he is an abutter. It was agreed that this should be considered at a future town meeting.

Julie inquired of the police whether they had encountered any problems with parking at Lobsterville. They had not.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.