

MINUTES
JOINT SELECT BOARD MEETING
Town Office Conference Room
October 22, 2018

PRESENT: Mapleton - Grant Clark, Dave Dunlavey, Barry Buck.
Castle Hill - Maylen Kenney, Herman Condon, Shari Cheney
Chapman - Chair Patricia Sutherland, Milford Maynard, Terrence
Hanlon, Charles Beaulieu II, and Isaac Braley (7:20)

ABSENT: Mapleton - Matt Gregg, Joshua Cheney
Castle Hill - Gerald McGlinn Beth Pickens.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager David Dionne, Fire Chief Richard Wark.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Dave Gardner (Chapman), Clint Deschene, Brian Carpenter

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM by Chair Patricia Sutherland. A quorum was present.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting March 30, and April 4, 2017: *Motion by Beaulieu to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018 as written. Second by Kinney. Motion Passed 10-0.*

Old Business:

A. *Other Business:* None.

New Business:

A. *Presentation-Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman Fire Department:* Chief Wark addressed the board in regards to pressures the volunteer department is currently facing. He is nervous about day-time fires and the lack of personnel that may be available to fight fires for the towns. This issue is not a localized issue, but it a trend throughout the nation. He is struggling to keep a roster where in years past there was a waiting list to be on the department. What helps now is that the towns have a Road Commissioner and new Equipment Operator who work and are available if they are here. Chief Wark discussed the option of hiring full-time day people to work 7-5 (1 or 2) to be available for the communities should a fire happen during the day. It was stated that it will cost, but it depends on what the people are willing to pay for in regards to fire service. Another problem with the current trend is training, and it is hard to keep new folks interested and trained up. Discussion ensued with Board members. Chief Wark discussed incentive ideas for volunteers at the State level however funding seems to be an issue. How to raise awareness was also discussed. The Board took the information and will visit the issue at a future time. *No action taken, Informational Item.*

- B. Presentation-MSAD 1 School Bond:** Mr. Carpenter discussed the current challenges that MSAD 1 is facing. Some of the older school are running out of space, are needing repairs. He then reviewed classroom sizes now and possibly the future. They analyzed several items and submitted to the state to be considered for a new school. Of all schools, the high school ranked highest at 20. All others were lower on the list. The ideal set up is a k-8 and the longer the communities wait to do construction, the higher the interest will be. This project will be costly but will save money in the long run for all concerned. If we don't do it, we will need a bond: \$5mm for Pine Street, \$5mm to renovate both Pine Street and Zippel. Carpenter reviewed the cost and requirements for the repairs needed. Deschene stated the best service anyone can do is vote for the bond. Deschene reiterated the cost to repair the buildings. Discussion Ensued. *No action taken, Informational Item.*
- C. Consideration of Fire Alarm Installation Bids:** Dionne informed the board that no bids came in during the timeline. Will review once more and work to put it back out in time for the first regular Joint Board meeting next year. *No action taken.*
- D. Other Business:**
- a. *Consideration of Meeting time for Joint Board Meetings.* Dionne asked for historical incite as to the meeting time for the Joint Board. Dionne recommended to change to an earlier time if possible, for the members so that the day wasn't extended for board members unnecessarily. Discussion ensued. *Motion by Kinney to move the Joint Board meeting time from 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Second by Condon. Motion Passed 11-0.*
 - b. *Consideration of Meeting Dates for Joint Board Meeting:* Dunleavy brought up the need to hold Joint Board meetings once per three months. As issues progress and we handle more issues we should be meeting to discuss on a more frequent basis than before. *Motion by Dunleavy to meet at least once per three months or as needed. Second by Hanlon. Motion Passed 11-0.*

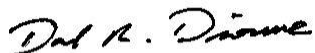
Manager's Report:

- A. Other Business:** None

Set Next Meeting Date: TBD

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm by Chair Sutherland.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Dionne, Town Manager

Approved on 1.16.2019