

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015**

Present: John G. Petropoulos, Chairman; Peter S. Cunningham; Joshua A. Degen  
Absent: Anna Eliot; Stuart M. Schulman

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Bruce Easom, Conservation Commission and Electric Light Commission

Chairman Petropoulos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Conservation Land Gift**

Chairman Petropoulos stated that the Conservation Commission had received a gift of land from Clifford Robison in memory of his mother, Viola Day Robison. There was initial confusion about the location of the land, but the exact location was clarified by Bruce Easom, a member of the Conservation Commission. The land, consisting of 13 acres, was identified as Parcel 251-72 and adjacent to the Town's Flavell Crossing Conservation Area.

Chairman Petropoulos discussed the tax impact and other associated costs. Chairman Petropoulos had requested an accounting of the full cost of acquisition and ownership of the land. The Assessor's Office had submitted some of the information but not a full accounting of the acquisition. The Town Manager had informed the Chairman that the Conservation Administrator was on vacation and he would not have all the information prior to the meeting. The Chairman was disappointed that the information was not provided before the Board had to make a decision. Mr. Easom explained the cost and process of the acquisition and what it would take to sell Conservation Land.

*Mr. Cunningham moved that the Town accept the gift of land from Clifford Robison, identified as Parcel 251-72. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.*

**Solar Lease and MOA with Electric Light Commission**

Mr. Haddad explained that at the December 21, 2015 meeting of the Board, the Board voted to approve the lease with Ameresco to install a Solar Array on the former landfill off of Cow Pond Brook Road. At that time, Mr. Haddad had stated that the Town would receive \$25,000 annually. He mis-stated the amount. It is actually \$25,000 over 25 years, or \$1,000 per year. The public should be made aware of the correct amount. He asked the Board to re-vote the lease.

In addition, the Board had also voted to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Light Commission on the Town's financial liability should Ameresco's lose revenue because the Town was forced to remove them from the landfill. In the original MOA, approved by the Board at their December 21, 2015 meeting, the Town would be responsible in any given year for the lease payment (assumed to be \$25,000), the PILOT from Ameresco (\$15,000 in the first year and increased by 1.5% annually for 25 years) and the GELD annual PILOT payment of \$30,000. At the Light Commission meeting on December 23, 2015, the Light Commission removed the requirement of the GELD PILOT being part of the MOA. In addition, the Light Commission approved the MOA with only the lease payment of \$1,000 annually and Ameresco's PILOT as the Town's liability. Mr. Haddad asked the Board to re-vote the MOA with these changes.

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*Mr. Cunningham moved that the Town approve the lease with the annual lease payment of \$1,000. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.*

*Mr. Cunningham moved that the Town approve the MOA under the terms and conditions approved by the Electric Light Commission on December 23, 2015. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark W. Haddad  
Town Manager

Date approved: 1/11/16