

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 22, 2014

Members present: Jeffrey Gray, Patrick Barrett, Steve Harasyko, Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Rosario Messina, Lisa Blackmer

Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Steve presented highway dept. updates. Last week they worked on broken rims which resulted from the hard winter. Beaver problems continue, he sends 2 men at least twice a week to check on the beaver dams. They prepared the grader for spring grading which started this week.

Steve reviewed the last snow /ice event. He took a lot of criticism for the last order of salt from some residents. The order was placed in February for 100 tons, it was place on back order. He was able to cancel 60 tons, but accepted 40 tons since the snow and ice season wasn't over and the long range weather forecast was calling for bad weather and his supplies were depleted. We had two more snow/ice events since then. He has enough salt and sand for one more event. The Paspuletti's thanked him.

Discussed the Pothole Repair bill. We are attending a Highway Superintendent meeting next Thursday in which the topic of discussion is the additional Chapter 90 funding specifically for road repairs related to this past winter.

Kim Paspuletti asked about the bridge by Silverbrook and River Rd. Steve has been lobbying for the state to move the repair up on their priority list of bridge repairs.

Steve reviewed the machinery maintenance budget.

Patrick requested that Steve review the drop off on New Hartford Rd. by the Crofut property. Steve has already looked it over and is recommending a larger riprap.

Ron Pachulski asked about West St. and W. Hubbard Rd. He feels they are in very bad shape. Steve explained that he is working with the town administrator to seek funding.

The town only receives \$350,000 from Chapter 90 and he has to prioritize the use of this throughout town. To repair the two roads would be approx. \$700,000. Steve wants to finish New Hartford Rd. first.

Patrick has been contacting representatives for more chapter 90 funding. The annual allotment we have been receiving just isn't enough. Discussed the oil and stone process.

Kim Paspuletti expressed her appreciation of the treated roads during the last week.

Robert Myers in to request permission to place a sign regarding the gas pipeline. Dolores sent the request to Town Council for an opinion, as the statement on the sign would be political. Town Council's response was that it could not be placed on town property and also 150 feet from the polling place. Roberta is requesting 3 signs that would be 4 x 8 feet and would be asking people to oppose the gas pipeline. Reviewed the bylaws regarding signs. The Selectmen have the authority to allow temporary signs. Motion by Patrick, second by Jeff to allow 3 temporary signs to be placed on private property with permission from the property owners and to remove the signs after the Town Meeting.

Reviewed and signed the special permit for Kim Paspuletti DBA Joyce's Trading Post.

Patrick expressed the need for the town administrator's position to become full time. She has been an asset working on the pipeline, grant research, chapter 90, additional chapter 90 for pothole repair, personnel issues, conservation easements and the special permit process.

Minutes reviewed and signed

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Gray

Patrick Barrett