Selectmen’s minutes of meeting October 31, 2016

Members present: Alice Boyd, John Skrip, Willie Morales, Bob O’Brien,

 Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Jeff Gray

Called to order at 2:30 p.m.

It is with deep respect that we acknowledge the Mahican Tribe, the pathfinders of our community.

Alice commended the highway dept. on our roads after the snow event.

Dolores asked about the driveways and walkways during the winter season. We had mandated early voting during the snow event in which the election workers had to shovel the walkways. The librarian also had to shovel in front of the Library. The highway dept. will have better communications on this.

Bob provided highway dept. updates. They continue to work on West St. to get it shovel ready for the spring. They are grading and dealing with the snow event. There are problems with Davids truck. The Dodge has electrical issues. Working on the drainage on Town Hill Rd. Alice asked about the transfer station signs. Bob responded that they are in route. Alice and John were asked by Don Turek if he could remove and have the outhouse at the transfer station. Bob discussed purchasing a storage container for the highway garage for $2,900. Alice referred him to Willie as this is a procurement issue.

Discussed inventory for all departments.

Tax bills are going out Nov. 5. Willie would like the tax collector to come into a selectmen’s meeting. We need consistent hours of operation in the tax collectors office.

There will be a phone conference this Thursday regarding a broadband update.

Town administrator updates. Willie has been working on Transfer Station issues. He has been working on the Lock Lorde green letter which should be approved soon.

He recommended signing the Energy Aggregation letter. He continues to work on the fiscal policy manual. He attended a fiscal management meeting. He stated that there are many towns in much worse shape than ours. He is looking into creating a retirement fund.

John continues to work on disposal of surplus equipment.

He would like all properties in town to have 911 signs.

He presented a condensed warrant from another town.

Ralph Morrison in to discuss increasing the compensation for emt’s and fireman from $16.00 per hour to $18.00 per hour and on call from $40.00 to $50.00.

Ralph explained that he can’t get volunteers. He generally has had enough emt’s for the week but not on the weekends. The selectmen and town administrator agreed with the increase. John Burrows will prepare a document for the Board of Selectmen’s signatures.

John received a call from a resident regarding Veterans Benefits, Dolores suggested they call Lauri Hils our veteran’s representative.

John asked about finance committee meetings. They have not been meeting. John would like them to hold monthly meetings at a convenient time. When they have a meeting it is on a Saturday morning.

Dolores asked about the Transfer Station Stickers. We will use the same forms and process.

John Burrows asked about the new warrant form he received from the treasurer. He would like to continue submitting payroll quarterly. All agreed it is ok for him to continue quarterly.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

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Alice Boyd

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John Skrip