

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting September 6, 2016

Members present: Alice Boyd, Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Willie Morales, Bob O'Brien  
Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Bob provided highway dept. updates. They are patching on various roads, grading. Alice had a call about tree cutting on Town Hill Rd. Bob responded that it is Eversource doing the tree work. Bob will follow up with them. John Burrows asked a stop sign or yield sign for Prock Hill Rd. Bob said there is one in place. Discussed New Hartford Rd.

All trucks are done and working. Bob was going to pick up the 2000 Intl but the repair shop wants a check first. He will pay it out of machinery maintenance and then transfer the insurance payment over. The 2013 Intl is ready to pick up. Reviewed a draft of snow plow bid. Willie will work on the bid and have Dolores advertise. Jeff is against contracting the snow plowing out.

Ralph Morrison in to present a list of surplus equipment the fire dept. would like to sell. He would like to list it on Craig's list. Alice said we have to follow procurement laws. She clarified that the money from the sales would go into the town's general fund.

Ralph would like to take \$1,500 out of his maintenance account and \$1,500 out of his new equipment account and the rest out of the Fire Dept., Inc. account and buy a 40 foot storage trailer. Discussed the 40 foot storage trailer at the Town Hall Annex. Alice suggested that Ralph take this trailer and put money towards a proper records storage unit for the town's records. The trailer leaks and has a serious pest and vermin issue. Ralph needs time to think about this.

Bob reviewed some items he could dispose of and will have a list prepared.

Ralph asked about the plaque for Wilber Park. Bob will put it in this week.

Discussed New Hartford Road. Bob presented pictures from his cell phone which shows where the road has settled. He wants to let the road settle for another year before doing anything. John Burrows said the center of the road is separating and needs to be sealed or topped this year. John is afraid water is going to get in and freeze and cause more damage. Jeff responded that it was suggested the entire job be done at once but the town voted to do it in sections. The structure is designed for the top to be done. Ralph suggested crack sealing. Jeff said the longer we wait the worse the damage will be. Bob said the road is still moving. Alice said to get a price for crack sealing. Ralph asked about Town Hill and West St. He would like to see them done before winter. Bob is working on it.

Kathy Burrows brought up the fact that New Hartford Road was voted on at a town meeting and wants to know what happens to that vote or do we need another vote. Alice said there are ways to fund it.

Reviewed and signed the Class 1 Dealers License for New Boston Crane. Billy in to explain they have always had 10 to 15 trailers on site. In order to move the trailers with a dealers plate they need the license.

Reviewed the Locke & Lord engagement letter. Willie has contacted them as they are a bonding company and can guide us through the state house notes process. It is much easier and beneficial for smaller towns. There is a per transaction fee. The payback is 10 to 15 years with a fixed rate. Discussed MBI and funding. Motion by Jeff, second by John, passed unanimously to accept and sign the engagement letter.

Motion by John, second by Jeff, passed unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Fred Swartz from the Technology Committee.

Follow up on transfer station issues. Alice spent time at the transfer station this past weekend. There is a very large bear that is taking trash from the compactor down the hill to the stream below. Tony is going to place a wildlife camera. Bridgette Ruthman has offered to hunt the bear. She will get hunting permission slips from the abutters. People are throwing trash over the fence after hours.

Selectmen's updates.

Alice reviewed the work Dawn Lemon has done on the new website. There will be a work session on Sept. 20. Discussed the cemetery bid. The bid has very specific instructions on the access to the logging. She worked with Bob Tarasuk on this. She is meeting with Otis Woodlands regarding broadband. The Otis Woodland Association would like the town to pay for fiber optics to be brought to the Sandisfield residents in the Woodlands when Otis has theirs installed. John asked about the fuel system at the town garage. Discussed having swipe cards for all vehicles and equipment. John will follow up with Miller Petroleum. Discussed having real working security cameras at the dump.

Motion by John, second by Jeff, passed unanimously to approve the letter for Alternative Energy. Motion passed to accept the RFD with corrected dates.

Alice and Willie discussed putting a wall up in the treasurers and assessors office.

Willie provided info on the phone system. He has 2 quotes for Voyp systems.

Discussed a date for the pot luck at the fire station. Ralph thinks Tuesdays and Thursdays will not work due to classes being held there. Any date would be fine except Oct. 27.

Willie & Alice discussed changing the email system to Gmail. There is a cost involved.

Ralph would like permission to register and insure 2 military vehicles. He said he wants to use them to haul things. Permission given.

Dolores reviewed the cost of the ad for the By law requirements. Since this was not budgeted for she will seek a reserve fund transfer from the finance committee. The cost of advertising is \$570.00.

Dolores reviewed the upcoming timeline for the primary and elections.

Bob is building a wall around his office at the Old Town Hall and will pay for it out of operation and maint. Account. Dolores asked if this could be done before or after the primary, she needs to set up a couple days before. Bob said they are building it now.

Discussed the Selectmen's meeting schedule. We will hold the first meeting of the month at 2:30 and the rest at 7:00 p.m. except for next week which will be at 2:30 so that John Skrip can attend the School Committee meeting.

Discussed having packets for selectmen's meetings. Any documents to be discussed at the selectmen's meeting that are on the agenda need to be to Dolores by Thursday the week before.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Alice Boyd

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Jeff Gray

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John Skrip