

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Dec. 12, 2016

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

Members absent: Jeff Gray

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Police Chief Michael Morrison in to present a leave of absence letter from Adam Gonska. He then presented two new officers, Dana Beardsly and Michael Johnson. They will start immediately. Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko swore them in and gave them ethics testing documents.

Bob presented highway department updates. They worked on a couple trucks last week. He is working on a NGP for government purchasing which is based out of Ohio.

Alice reiterated with Bob that the town buildings will be ready by 8:00 a.m. during snow events. Discussed this week's snow storm. Bob said he went out at 2:30 a.m. to check roads and called in the crew at 3:30 a.m. Alice discussed developing a policy in which the highway department will not come out during the snow storms until 3:00 a.m. Willie asked if he could get down all the roads in his car, Bob responded that some roads are accessible from either end and 4 wheel drive is best but all roads are passable. Discussed the dirt roads. Bob said they don't always need to be plowed only sanded.

Nina Carr responded that the highway did a fine job this last storm but would like the road in front of the New Boston Inn done. Nick DellaGiustina present stated that he was in two weeks ago because the highway department was not traveling Sears and Clark Rd. Bob said he did at 5:00 a.m. Nick is asking for Bob to travel all the roads to check on the conditions. There was a tree down that no one checked on and he had to remove the tree since it's a school bus run. Bob said the blacktop roads are his priority and he doesn't always get to the dirt roads. Nick explained that it is a school bus route and that no one checked on his road. Willie asked if Bob could implement a policy to check all roads including the dirt roads. Bob responded that Sears and Clark are not on his list of bus routes. Nick responded that his kids are on the bus route. Willie asked Bob to add Clark road to the list.

Discussed protocol for the road superintendent truck use. Willie said that it was his understanding that Bob could take home a town truck for the use of town purposes only and not for personal use. This way if a tree comes down or wires are down he has the truck available right away. Motion by John, second by Alice to allow the road superintendent to take the truck home.

Alice had a complaint of 3 mail boxes being knocked down in this passed storm. Bob has already taken care of this

The Dodge is running well but still having problems with the check engine light.

Reviewed and signed 2017 Annual Business Licenses.

Willie explained that there are no changes to the Senior Tax Workoff program.

Willie provided town administrator updates. Reviewed a Garbage Policy Grant.

Discussed the new phone system, it will be activated as soon as Verizon releases the lines.

Paul Jacoby is volunteering to install the new networking wiring for the Town Hall Annex.

Reviewed cease and desist order for 30 Clark Rd. It was mailed by certified mail and hand delivered by our police department. Police Chief Mike Morrison said there are more campers and people living there than we are aware of. Willie asked if there would be a problem collecting fines, Mike said there are several high end vehicles and motor cycles.

Pre budget review with boards and committees continues, he is preparing summaries.

Dolores reviewed how the recycling works at the transfer station.

Selectmen's updates. Alice met with the Finance Committee for 2 hours on Saturday. They are looking to take a more active roll in the budget process. She continues to work on broadband. John continues to send out emails for solar. He is following up on Spectacle Pond.

Future agenda items: John would like to get the Master Plan completed.

Reviewed and signed cemetery deed.

Review mail

Lisa Leavenworth expressed her concerns about comments that were made by Alice Boyd at the last selectmen's meeting regarding employees. Discussion followed on appointed versus elected positions.

Discussion on the heating systems in the town buildings.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Alice Boyd

John Skrip

