

Selectmen's minutes of meeting July 5, 2016.

Members present: Alice Boyd, Jeff Gray, Bob O'Brien, Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: John Skrip

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Alice announced that John Skrip is home with medical issues. It will be awhile before he returns.

Bob provided highway department updates. They finished most of the grading except Clark and Fox Rds. Mowed and weedwacked the roadsides. He spoke to Kathy Stevens about Chapter 90. Kathy will be here on Wednesday to review submissions. David will finish grading then black topping begins. Alice asked about Town Hill Rd. Bob is going to start with West St. then Town Hill. He thinks it may be mid August. Alice asked about Route 183. He will be out there next week. Nina Carr asked about expediting Town Hill, she is asking if something can be done now. He is going to place dense grade gravel. Discussed signage and cones for the worst potholes. Alice asked about the post office, town hall annex and transfer station. He will get to them this week. Discussed the Route 57 bridge and Foresight Engineering.

We welcome the new town treasurer Terry Sponholz. Alice reviewed Terry's exceptional background and experience.

The selectmen will review the applications for the town administrator. Discussed sharing a town administrator with another town. There are no applicants for the town accountant position.

Reviewed and signed the FY2016 encumbrances. Motion by Jeff, second by Alice to accept the encumbrances. Alice has concerns about the actual balances of each account.

Motion by Jeff, second by Alice to allow a 3% transfer from Highways & Bridges to the Machinery & Maintenance account for \$2,064.

Selectmen's updates.

Alice met with Bill Ennon who is the representative from the Governors office regarding broadband. Alice had a meeting with Bill, Jeff Bye and Jean Atwater Williams. They asked about Wired West, it is no longer an option. With Wired West we do not own the assets. There will be a follow up meeting July 11 at the Town Hall Annex at 10 a.m. Alice will continue to look for alternate routes for funding.

She completed an affidavit to include a motion to participate in the Kinder Morgan compensation hearing. Alice is preparing a letter on behalf of the town to resign from Wired West and ask for everyone's down payment back.
Discussed the Community Choice Energy Agreement. Colonial Power will be sending out a mailing to all households to opt out if they choose.

Future agenda items: Review selectmen's goals, Foresight Engineering and the Route 57 bridge and Town Admin. interviews.

Alice would like a committee to review the town administrator applications.

Reviewed the mail, there are letters from residents regarding damage done to their property by the roadside mowing.

Bob spoke with Tony at the dump. He would like to move the containers. Bob will follow up with the Master Garbologist.

Nina Carr asked about being appointed to the COA, we will place this on the next agenda.

Warrants reviewed and signed
Minutes reviewed and signed
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Alice Boyd

Jeff Gray