

Selectmen's minutes of meeting October 29, 2018

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, Fred Ventresco
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Members absent: George Riley

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and signed.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint Margaret McClellan as the Interim Town Accountant.

Discussed the Transfer Station Mailer. We will keep the mailer and fee the same. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to keep the mailer and fee for 2019 the same as this year.

Selectmen's updates:

Mark continues to work with the Highway Dept. The new building is closed in and ready to pour the floor. One of the new replacement trucks is almost ready, it is at the body shop, the second truck is not far behind. There were trees down and debris in the road over the weekend that they cleaned up. Pot hole patching and grading will continue as weather permits. They are meeting with a mechanic to discuss combining the 3 Quincy trucks into one good truck.

The highway department was ready for the storm over the weekend weather rain or snow they were prepared.

Brian and Mark met with Electrical Inspector Jay Reynolds to review the wiring at the Old Town Hall/DPW building.

Brian called Senator Hines last week and spoke with his Chief of Staff to clarify the difference between a bond and a grant. We will be hosting the next 5 Town Coalition meetings with Smitty Pignatelli next Thursday. We received an additional \$65,000 in Chapter 90 funds. Brian and Mark will continue to work together on highway department issues.

Nina Carr asked the selectmen to follow up on the cardboard compactor grant, Brian will discuss this with Smitty Pignatelli.

Brian reviewed that we have received several qualified resumes for the highway superintendent position and the truck driver position. They will review the resumes once George is back.

Larry Dwyer discussed the beaver issues on Sullivan Road. Brian responded that he and Mark worked on the plugged culvert on that road and have placed grates to block the beavers from plugging the culverts.

Maria Domato asked about the culvert on Lower West Street across from her property. Brian did a site visit and could see water running down the road. He asked Maria if they could open a pre existing culvert to help divert the water off the road and onto the lower rocky section of her property. They will then come back in the spring to place a new culvert. Maria agreed to this process.

Fred received a call from Rita Kasky who feels that Silverbrook Road needs more work especially by her house. Mark said they did do some work and will follow up on it.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred updated on the camper/trailer violators. He is getting ready to make a move on the people that we can find. Brian suggested Fred contact Valerie Bird who specializes in this process. Ms. Bird forwarded all pertinent documents to Fred. We now have a direction. Kim Spring asked if we ordered a bylaw violation booklet to collect fines. Fred responded that we can order a book with specifics for our town. He explained that the town would have to have adopted chapter 40B. Dolores will research this.

Fred is working on getting an exterminator. He called some businesses and they are busy. Brian will get him contact information.

Nina Carr addressed the mouse issue at the Community Center. Also the garbage can is full with extra bags from the Halloween event held there over the weekend. Discussed who is responsible for picking up the trash. Once things settle down with the highway department they will get back on schedule with picking it up. Mark and Barbara Cormier suggested using the Senior Tax Workoff program for this.

Nina also stated that the emergency lights did not come on while they were there this weekend when the power went off. The Building Committee will look into this.

Larry Dwyer reviewed the Green Community grant. He questioned how to get the grant funds into an account to expend. Town Accountant Margaret McClellan clarified that it will go into a special account specific for this grant.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke