

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Nov. 26, 2018

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and signed

Dolores presented the Annual Liquor Renewals for 2019. All establishments have been inspected and provided liquor liability insurance. The New Boston Inn will need to provide updated Serve Safe Certification before their 2019 business licenses are issued. Motion by George, second by Brian, passed unanimously to approve the renewals.

Dolores present the 2019 Annual Business Licenses. All reviewed and signed.

Discussed the snow plow bid. Mark tabled the article and instructed Fred to re advertise.

Highway Dept. updates:

They have been busy with plowing and sanding the roads. The dirt roads continue to be a challenge since they are not frozen yet. They are going to start using rubber plow blades for the dirt roads. The new building is moving along rapidly and should be ready for occupancy in two weeks. The new employee is working out great. They spread 5 tons of cold patch so far and will continue as the weather allows.

Selectmen's updates:

Brian stated that they are having another Five Town Coalition meeting this Wednesday in Tolland with Berkshire Regional Planning. They have the culvert counting process in place for Route 57. They have finished with the Road Super. Interviews and will have a decision next week. The candidate will start after giving their current employer a 2 week notice. Some of the main areas they looked for in a road super were commitment, team player, good construction/equipment background and organizational skills. They used the same list of questions/scenarios for each candidate. Discussed having a written weekly report, it may not be necessary for the road super to attend the weekly selectmen's meetings.

George continues to work on the Green Communities process.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred clarified that the Yanner Park Committee is an advisory committee and will bring any ideas and suggestions to the board of Selectmen.

Fred announced that we did indeed get the grant for the paper compactor and the swap house. We received \$7,500 towards the compactor and \$6,000 towards the swap house.

The new exterminator will start this Friday on the town buildings.

George asked about the progress on the Dodd Road culvert, Fred responded that there has yet to be a response.

Barbara Cormier asked if all budgets are in, Fred responded that we have received several but not all. She asked if the selectmen will stick to their plan that if the budgets are not on time then they the selectboard will set their budgets. The selectmen will stick to their plan within reason.

Warrants reviewed and signed

Mail reviewed

Topics not reasonably anticipated:

Update on Broadband, an action plan has been signed. There will be a follow up meeting within the next 2 weeks to discuss moving forward.

Alex Bowman asked about the trailer violators. Mark said they have been very busy and are prioritizing projects.

Discussed records retention and the need for a climate controlled building or vault.

At 7:40 p.m. a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, and to adjourn immediately after.

Mark: yes, Brian, yes, George, yes.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley