

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting June 25, 2018

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

Called to order at 7:01 pm

Highway Dept. updates:

The reclaim project started on West Street and will continue onto S. Sandisfield Road. Chip seal will be in 2 weeks, they are black topping the aprons. All work should be done in 3 weeks. Discussed the grant for gravel from the MVP grant. Fred explained that the grant is for planning work and not for the actual gravel. Bob responded that the first \$20,000 is for planning and the remainder \$25,000 is for gravel. Fred will follow up on this for clarification.

Recreation Committee Chair Billie Pachulski in to ask the Selectmen to allow the Highway Department during their regular day to remove playground equipment from the FRRSD in Otis and place it at the Library/Community playground. Bob said that some heavy equipment and jack hammers would be needed to disassemble. Dawn has looked in the past for new playground equipment and found it to be between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Mark reviewed how busy the highway department is this time of the year. They are short staffed with everyone using up their vacation time, they have road work going on and it would be tuff to take them off that work at this time. Ralph Morrison suggested pulling the equipment out in tacked with the cement, he would then transfer it on his 45 foot trailer to the library where they could put it in place and re cement where needed. Bob will look over the equipment first but this is doable.

Ralph asked for an update on the highway garage building. Mark responded that the building permit has been issued and the project will now move forward. Discussed the placement of the gas storage tanks. Ralph will review the site as the fire chief.

Ralph asked if the highway could clean off the grates over the storm drains on Tolland Road. The water has no where to go and is washing out the end of his driveway. Bob will follow up on this.

Adam Brown and Bob Tarasuk in to request that the selectmen appoint a Yanner Park Committee whom would be in charge of moving forward with creating a park. Adam reviewed the history of when the land was donated to the town until today. The timber harvest has provided \$92,000 from the first cut. The Yanner Park account has \$13,000 from the Friends of Yanner Park and \$36,000 appropriated from the timber harvest. Dolores presented the Yanner Park Master Plan. Adam and Bob Tarasuk stated that this plan would save a lot of time and money, they were not aware that we had one. Discussed having a committee that would be committed to moving forward. Bob and Adam will come back to the selectmen in August with a proposed committee to be appointed.

The solar company scheduled for tonight has backed out and are not present.

Discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals. Dolores explained that there are 3 vacancies which have terms expiring in 2019, 2020 and 2021. We need to have a full board in order to move forward with the camper/trailer issues.

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to appoint as follows:

John Burrows until 2019

Paul Gaudette until 2020

Alex Bowman until 2021

Discussed appointing a Green Community Team which is required for the Green Community Designation.

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to appoint Nina Carr, Alex Bowman, George Riley and Larry Dwyer.

Discussed the annual appointment process. Dolores explained that we have been lax in this process for several years. She will prepare a list of annual appointees for the next meeting.

Discussed drafting thank you letters to the surrounding communities that helped our town after the fire which destroyed the town garage. Fred will draft the letter and get the appropriate signatures.

Discussed FY2018 encumbrances. We have only received one, it is for Operation and Maint. of town properties for \$11,000. The building repair committee obtained quotes for replacing 4 doors at the town hall annex including the installation and painting. It is also for repairing the railing leading downstairs. Motion by Mark, second by George, passed unanimously to approve the encumbrance.

Selectmen's updates: All the selectmen have been working on the union contract and are close to finalizing the negotiations.

Town Administrator updates: Fred has been working on the energy audit which will start this Thursday through Mass Saves.

Mark reviewed the meeting they were invited to in Tolland with their selectmen. They all appreciated the meeting and gained a lot of information from them. They will all be working together with surrounding towns to seek help from the state to repair Route 57.

Future agenda items:

We start the summer schedule with next week off. For July we will meet on July 9 & 23.

Fred will supply an update on the energy audit.

We will have the annual appointments ready to vote on.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Billie Pachulski from the Recreation Committee reviewed the bus trip to Boston over the weekend. The trip was very well attended, they sold 53 out of 57 seats. The trip was enjoyed by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mark Newman

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley