

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting July 23, 2018

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting is being recorded

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Highway Dept. updates:

They will finish the grading by the end of this week. They are working on drainage issues. The Rugg Bridge meeting did not happen yet. There are no final budget numbers as of this date on the bridge. There is a problem with decay on the east wing wall. Nina Carr asked about the final cleanup, there is still debris on both sides of the bridge. Mark asked Bob to follow up on this.

Barbara Cormier asked about the union contract and whether we were ready to hire a full time employee, Mark responded that the selectmen have signed the contract and are just waiting for the union to sign and return the contract.

Steve Rubenstein described a dangerous pothole on Town Hill Rd., he would also like some gravel brought into the intersection of Mountain Home Lane and Town Hill Rd. Bob responded that he could do that. Larry Dwyer asked about Shade Rd. and discussed the drainage there. Bob responded that this would be taken care of by the winter.

Fred has received calls regarding Route 57 and Route 183.

Fred got clarification on the MVP Grant, it is for planning work not for the actual product.

Bob provided an update on Cold Spring Road, he spoke with Harold House from All States, they will be starting the third week of August. They will also be fixing Town Hill Road. Mark directed Bob to get the information on the work to be done on Cold Spring Road in writing.

Paul Gaudette in to discuss the enforcement order. It was issued 5 weeks ago regarding work on a culvert on Silverbrook Road. He also explained that the town's generic NOI has also expired.

Mark Stinson from the DEP issued the enforcement order against the town instead of involving the Army Corps of Engineers. An NOI is required for the culvert repair and must be resolved within 30 days of the notice. The notice was issued June 19, 2018. Paul explained that an NOI is needed for all culvert work. Mark Stinson offered to help with the NOI.

Paul prioritized the required NOI's.

1. Generic NOI
2. Jurisdictional work
3. Culvert work

Mark clarified that the culvert NOI has to be written immediately. Barbara Cormier asked what the Army Corps of Engineers can do regarding the lack of the NOI. Paul responded that they can issue hefty daily fines. Fred responded that he gave the original NOI's to Dawn and that they didn't make it to Bob. Bob responded that they never got to him. Bob will write his own NOI for the enforcement order and have Mass DEP sign off on it. Mike Morrison suggested that the town administrator stay on top of this.

Ralph Morrison asked for an update on the DPW garage. Brian responded that they had to wait for the asbestos to be removed and then the job can move forward. The company removing the asbestos should be here this week.

Barbara Hotchkiss in to complain about the ongoing speeding on Roosterville Rd. She has complained for years. She has lost livestock from speeders. Most of the speeders are delivery vehicles and seasonal visitors. She is willing to pay for speed bumps if the town will install them. Discussion followed, other residents on the road are concerned about speedbumps and their farm equipment. The selectmen suggested placing a sign "Road Closed to Through Traffic" and having more enforcement by our police department. Dolores suggested a sign "No Access to Clark Road" as gps units send people down Roosterville Road to Clark Rd and there is no access. Brian directed Fred to get legal wording for all the signage. The selectmen invited Barbara to come back in 30 days and update them on the situation.

Billie Pachulski in representing the Recreation Committee/Community Center Committee along with Police Chief Mike Morrison regarding the 5K run. Billie spoke with the DCR and has filed the special events permit. The selectmen asked Mike if he felt it necessary to close the road or keep one lane open. He stated it will depend on how many people partake but his police department will be there on that day. Nina Carr has contacted Smitty Pignatelli's office and feels a call or letter from the selectmen might expedite the process. The selectmen directed Fred to contact Pignatelli and Socco. The date of the run is Sept. 30, Cold Spring Road should be complete by then.

Discussed appointing John Skrip to the Planning Board. George explained that there is a pending issue regarding the SARC sign that John was involved in. John does not agree. Mark explained that the sign is not in compliance and it is also attached to the guardrail. All selectmen agreed to table this for now. Paul Gaudette is also asking to be appointed to this position. We will add this to the next agenda.

#### Selectmen's updates:

Brian continues to work with Heather Bellows on articles regarding York Lake. Discussed the lake of mowing and maintenance at York Lake. Discussed the Berkshire Eagle articles.

George and Fred have submitted the Level 2 Energy Audit grant application.

Mark continues with transfer station issues, the clothing box is gone. The bulky waste collection went very well and we will hold another one in the fall.

Nina Carr suggested a better container for the Boy Scouts bottle and can collection. Paul Gaudette is donating a barrel for this.

#### Town Administrator updates:

Fred continues to work on the MVP grant. He The finance committee has been in touch with him regarding the CIP, Capitol Improvement Plan. So far there are no volunteers for this committee. Discussed the budget schedule. He will be presenting a quote for increased insurance coverage for the Police and Fire Dept. He gave an update on the support letter for Route 57 for the town of New Marlborough. All the surrounding towns are in support.

He received a broadband update from Jeff Bye.

Bogart Muller in to discuss cemetery cleanup issues. The Cemetery Committee held a volunteer cleanup of the cemetery on Route 183. They piled all the debris to be chipped or hauled away. A friend of Bogarts picked up the pile and hauled it away. Bogart would like the Cemetery Committee to hire people to do this. Barbara Cormier, a former member, explained that the cleanups have always been volunteer and that after the cleanup the highway department has always cleaned up the debris after. There appears to be a lack of communication.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Mark Newman

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley