

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting Sept. 24, 2018

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

Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Mark provided highway department updates.

The Rugg Bridge is coming together with the needed repairs. We are bringing other companies for the repairs. It should take 4 days to do the repairs so the bridge will be closed for 4 to 5 days. Cold Spring Road is moving along but probably won't be completed in time for the 5K run. They can still have the 5k run but change the direction of the run.

The new highway garage is moving along.

Discussed the fuel reading system.

No updates on the Roosterville Road signage.

Simon Winchester asked why the Road Superintendent is not in attendance. George and Fred explained that he is on paid administrative leave pending an investigation. We have to follow the open meeting law and will have another executive session next week. Mark stated clearly that this is an executive session issue and is to not be discussed further.

Discussed the special town meeting warrant. George reviewed and explained the warrant article by article. He explained that the finance committee vote is not included because they are meeting after the warrant will be signed. Tonight is the last selectmen's meeting before the deadline to post the warrant. Discussed the Yanner Park budget. The Yanner Park Committee did not respond so we will stay with the \$2,500.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept and sign the warrant for the Oct. 16, 2018 special town meeting.

Billie Anderson Pachulski in for the Recreation Committee to update on the 5K run and future events. They have secured their permit from the DCR and have the necessary insurance in place. There will be police presence. So far they have 25-30 registered people for the run.

Discussed future events. On October 31 there will be a Trunk or Treat held at the American Legion Pavilion. Instead of children going house to house for trick or treating they will go to the Trunk or Treat. Volunteers will decorate their cars and fill their trunks with treats. Kids will go from car to car for trick or treating. They will have ponies present and possibly hay rides.

Motion by George, second by Brian, passed unanimously to appoint Connie Canty Donaldson to the Cultural Council.

George reviewed the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy. This policy is required for the Green Community Designation. It essentially states that when town vehicles are replaced we will

replace them with fuel efficient vehicles with some exceptions such as Fire, Ambulance and DPW vehicles. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to adopt the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy.

Discussed a bulky waste collection at the transfer station. We will hold one starting October 13 through Oct. 21, 2018.

Selectmen's updates:

George continues to work on Green Community projects.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred reviewed the Chapter 90 survey. Discussed setting up an inspection for the transfer station, Dolores has already contacted the engineer to do this.

He attended a monthly managers meeting in which Senator Hinds was present. Fred brought to his attention Route 57. They also discussed broadband.

Discussed future agenda items.

George would like the Broadband Committee to come in whether they have an update or not. He would like a status report. Dolores will contact them to come in next week.

Dolores requested from the selectmen work sessions to start working on Selectmen budgets.

Nina Carr who is in charge of the playgroup at the Community Center complained about the presence of mice. Fred will contact the exterminator.

Alex Bowman received a call during this meeting from the Yanner Park Committee, they are asking for more than what is on the special town meeting. Dolores explained that she spoke with a member of the committee last week and that their request had to be in writing explaining the purpose before presenting the warrant to the selectmen tonight. She did not hear back from them.

Alex also discussed broadband, he wants to know if the goals of broadband are still to have no additional cost to the town. The selectmen agree it is a strong commitment to have no additional costs to the taxpayers but they will consider all options. Brian would like to obtain an analysis from Otis since they are moving forward with broadband.

Alex asked for an update on the status of the camper/trailers. Fred responded that he has been working with Dolores and the building inspector. Some letters have been sent out. Ralph suggested having the Board of Health or a Board of Health agent work on this. They have more authority to move forward with removing the trailers. Fred responded that it is the town sanitarian's job but there have been a lot of disagreement between the sanitarian and the board of health. We will ask the Board of Health to come into next weeks meeting.

Bogart Muller asked for people to help Holly Rines who's husband Steve Rines passed away. She needs help around her house and yard.

Fred reminded all about the public hearing and FEMA meeting tomorrow.

Alex Bowman asked about the website especially the Evacuation Plan that is in the red banner when you open the website. Dawn responded ad the website administrator that she has communicated with boards and committees to use the calendar. She spent last weekend updating the website and loading new pictures onto it. Fred commended her on her work.

Alex asked about long term goals for the town. Brian responded that we are all well aware that a lot needs to be worked on and fixed. He stated that they are indeed working on a long term plan and have a list of issues. They have prioritized the list and are taking them 5 items at a time. Things do come up that take precedence. The conditions of the roads, buildings and broadband are of a major concern to them. Ralph Morrison, chair of the building committee reviewed items they are working on, they are replacing all the doors at the Town Hall Annex, the Old Town Hall and the Library. They are looking into a fresh air exchange for the Town Hall Annex.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

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