

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Jan. 22, 2019

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meeting.

Fire Chief Ralph Morrison in to request an article on the upcoming Special Town Meeting warrant for \$4,000 for ALSS Intercept Service. Ralph reviewed the history of the account. Last year the budget financing was changed. They estimated that they would need \$7,000 and have already spent \$6,851. This is for the paramedic intercept services. John Burrows reviewed the budget and finances. All selectmen agreed to place an article on the warrant for \$6,000 to be appropriated from Free Cash.

Discussed the Special Town Meeting, we will hold off until Fred gets the proper wording for the article dealing with collecting fees. We need a determination as to what process to follow. Fred has been directed to contact the Attorney of the Day through the Attorney General's office. We will have a warrant ready for next Monday to sign. The date of the special town meeting will be Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

Discussed the union contract. There is some concern with paragraph 2.3. We will table signing the contract for clarification. Fred will contact the union representative and set up an executive session on January 31, 2019.

Motion by George, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint Timothy Brooks as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Discussed the Transfer Station Bid. Dolores will forward the current bid and specs to Fred. He will advertise without an employee and with options for a cardboard compactor and without a cardboard compactor. George discussed alternatives for the transfer station sticker.

Discussed the bylaw regarding unregistered vehicles. Nina Carr feels it effects property values. A. J. Riiska responded that this has always been a blue collar community and that there should be some tolerance. In his situation he cannot afford new vehicles or tractor trailers for his business and keeps some vehicles for parts until he can build or repair a vehicle. There are also situations in which people have a truck just for plowing their driveway which is not registered. George pointed out that there is a statement in bylaw that reads "The Selectmen's judgement shall be final as to determining whether or not a motor vehicle is junked or dilapidated". Brian reiterated that the bylaw requires that the complaint must be made in writing. Nina is going to approach the person she knows with the unregistered dilapidated vehicles and see if she can get them to remove the vehicles before filing a complaint.

Selectmen's updates:

They all continue to work with Five Town Coalition for Route 57. The FY2020 budget work is done for now. George explained that the Finance Committee has the budget now for the next 6 weeks. If they have questions they will be directed to Fred for a response.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred continues to work on budgets. He thanked Dolores for helping. He attended the MIIA Convention this past weekend.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Fire Chief Ralph Morrison and the State Fire Marshall reviewed the new fuel tanks at the highway garage. They only need to add Jersey barriers around the tanks. They will need to get a permit from the State for the tanks.

Brian reviewed the insurance process for the wiring of the gas reading equipment. Brian was able to confirm that the insurance will cover all the electrical connections necessary for the gas system.

Ralph explained that he has to go to L & M Auto for gas using the Fire Dept. Inc. credit card so to be aware that there will be a reimbursement request for the gas. The gas pumps at Katies were frozen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Mark Newman

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley