

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Jan. 7, 2019

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

Called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Kim Spring in from the Board of Health to discuss the Non Criminal Violation booklet. We are all set to move forward with printing the booklet. Kim has volunteered to go to Kwik Print. This will allow us to collect bylaw violation fines.

George presented a Transfer Station Policy which now includes Transfer Station Rules. The policy explains the requirements of obtaining a transfer station sticker. It also lists the fines for not having the sticker. The first offense is \$70.00 which will be waived if a current sticker is properly placed within 7 days of the offense. The second fine will be \$150.00.

Dolores will discuss with the highway superintendent to order a sign with the Transfer Station Rules to be placed at the transfer station.

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to adopt the Transfer Station Rules.

Selectmen's updates:

Brain thanked Steve Harasyko for completing the bridges, culverts and stream crossings count. Steve will continue to work on the list by adding the GPS coordinates for each. This information will now be compiled with the other towns in the Five Town Coalition and sent to Boston regarding Route 57.

George continues to work on the Green Community. They are ready to schedule a meeting with the Building Committee to complete an application for projects.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred continues to work on budgets and transfer station issues. Mark clarified that there are actually two inspections done at the transfer station. One is for the transfer station operations and the other is for the landfill.

Future agenda items.

Dolores requested a work session on behalf of the road superintendent. This will be placed on next weeks agenda to discuss.

Nina Carr would like a follow up on the Complete Streets grant. Fred responded that he is following up on this and that we have until June 30, 2019 to spend it.

Discussed the need for a special town meeting to address the legal fees budget. There is a bill from FY2018 that needs to get paid. We have depleted the FY2019 budget and now have a bill from November. We will also need to appropriate more funding for the remainder of this fiscal year. We will add this to next weeks agenda to discuss.

Nina Carr would like on a future agenda to discuss the bylaw regarding unregistered vehicles. She feels the junk cars are unsightly and devalue properties. We will place this on the agenda in two weeks.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Topics not reasonably anticipated:

Ron Bernard in to discuss Cold Spring Road. He explained that all his predictions have come true regarding the condition of the road. Per Ron the last layer of stone was applied too late and never worked into the base of the road. The loose stone makes driving dangerous, it is collecting on lawns, filling culverts, and eventually into the wetlands. Ron asked if the town has signed off on the job, Mark responded that they did not as it was not a town job, it was a Kinder Morgan job. Brian reviewed the process and explained that there is simply nothing we can do at this time. The selectmen agree that the road is rough and will readdress in the spring.

Ron asked that we keep him updated. We will add this to the agenda in two weeks.

Ron asked about blacktop, Mark responded that it is not possible at this time.

As a point of order Dolores as Town Clerk reviewed the parameters of the "Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair" item. This discussion on Cold Spring Road should have been placed on the agenda as it has created a lot of dialogue. The purpose of the agenda is to inform the Selectmen and the public of what is to be discussed at the meetings and allows them time to prepare for the meetings.

Alex Bowman asked about Highway department updates. Mark responded that we will have them as they deem necessary.

Alex asked about Sears Road repairs. He wanted to know why the highway department dumped rocky fill on that road. Mark responded that there was a very large hole in the road and they filled it with appropriate materials.

Barbara Cormier reminded them about the pothole on Route 183, Brian will follow up on it.

Barbara asked if anyone had seen the post on Facebook from A.J. Riiska showing a school bus tailing his truck during bad weather. Brian will follow up on this also.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley