

Selectmen's minutes of meeting February 11, 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 meetings.

Ann Wald not present to discuss senior housing due to illness.

Reviewed the letter of response from the SARC regarding the new sign at the arts center. They are stating that the new sign is the same as the old sign. The inspection by the building inspector shows that the new sign is actually 6'4" by 9'4", a total of 30.16 square feet. The old sign was 4' by 7". They actually have three signs. The new sign, a sign on a sled and the sign at the top of Route 57 and New Hartford Road. Mark explained that the sign at the top of Route 57 and New Hartford Rd. is a seasonal sign only. The new sign is attached to the towns guardrail with out permission. Former Selectmen John Skrip may have mislead the board regarding the special permit for the new sign. The special permit process was not followed. Another potential problem is that John Skrip is the Treasurer for SARC and signed the permit as a selectmen. To issue a special permit there has to be a complete 3 member select board, a public hearing should have been held which means abutters would have been notified and the hearing advertised. This did not happen. SARC is asking for a waiver. The Selectboard finds their current situation unacceptable and will have them go through the special permit process.

Selectmen's updates:

George continues to work with the Green Comm. They filled out three applications for a total of \$24,730 which will update lighting and replace insulation the Town Hall Annex. They are looking into solar panels and a heat pump for the Town Hall Annex.

Mark and Brian had a conference call with Foresight Engineering to review bills related to the Route 57 bridge. We will now be credited \$6,600 with more credits to come. They misquoted the cost of the paved approaches. The estimated cost of the bridge was \$1,224,000, actual cost is \$1,173,219.

Brian spoke with Highway Sup. Brad regarding a small bridge grant. We have been approved for \$500,000 for a small bridge.

Nina Carr asked for an update on the cardboard compactor, we will get the compactor before the grant expires.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred has been busy working on the transfer station bid, it is due on Feb. 25, 2019. He is working on the annual transfer station reports. Continues to work with the finance committee regarding

fy2020 budgets. He is working on the Complete Street grant and the mowing bid. Bogart Muller does not want the extension on the mowing bid so Fred will prepare the bid.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed

Dolores reviewed the bill for advertising the Solar Bylaw. The Planning Board only advertised once and the law requires it be advertised twice. The Attorney General has placed the bylaw on hold until we comply. The bill is \$718.00. All agreed to split the bill between General Government and the Planning Board expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley