

Selectmen's minutes of meeting March 18, 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.

Roger Kohler in from the planning board. He attended a conference on short term rentals. He presented the handout from that meeting. Discussed the local option tax for up to 6%. The State will automatically tax at 5.7%, towns have the option of adopting the attrition tax. Discussed the town of Richmond's bylaw. There will be more information available from the State, Roger will follow up on this. There is nothing for the town to do at this time, more information will be available by July 1, 2019.

Roger Kohler representing the planning board in to request permission to raise the Form A fee. It has been \$25.00 for at least 30 years. Roger polled surrounding towns and most are at least \$50.00 with some charging per lot. Motion by Brian, second by George, passed unanimously to increase the fee to \$50.00 per lot.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint Anina Carr to the MVP Committee.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Alexandra Tinari from the Yanner Park Committee.

Reviewed the draft of the FY2020 warrant. We confirmed the articles for the F350 pickup truck for the highway dept. at \$45,000 from Free Cash and the backhoe loader at \$60,000 from Free Cash. Discussed having the school administrator come to next week's meeting to clarify the formula used for the school budget and to review the school budget. Selectmen approved transferring \$200,000 from Free Cash to Capital Improvement Stabilization Account and transferring \$200,000 from Stabilization Account to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Account. This year we will not fund the payback to the Stabilization Account.

The selectmen unanimously approve the draft pending some updates from the school and the Public Safety Official budgets. Fred will contact Eric Jesner from the school and Ralph and Mike Morrison for the public safety officer to be at next Monday's meeting.

Nina Carr updated on York Lake. The DCR is opening York Lake for the summer season starting in May. One April 22 there will be a volunteer cleanup day at the lake. They will be looking for 3 employees. George will summarize this in the Sandisfield Times.

Town administrator updates:

Fred worked on the fire & police false alarm bylaw. He will amend the bylaw item D. to include "the names and numbers of the people entities or the monitoring company". We will remove Item B regarding daily violation fees.

Fred discussed a bylaw recommended by the fire chief that would require 911 numbers on all properties and would include fines for non compliance. The Selectmen agreed that it is not necessary as there is a Mass law that addresses 911.

Motion by Brian, second by George, passed unanimously to accept the False Alarm Bylaw with the above changes.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley