

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 16, 2019

Members present: Mark Newman, George Riley, Fred Ventresco,
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Members absent: Brian O'Rourke

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of meeting reviewed and signed.

Adam Brown in from the Yanner Park Committee to present grant information for the Community Forest Stewardship program for invasive species control. The timeline runs on a fiscal year schedule. Grants are between \$1,000 to \$20,000 with the towns portion of 25%.

George suggested they take the 25% out of the Yanner Park budget. Adam will move forward with getting a proposal. Mark asked about the logging at Yanner Park, Adam responded that it has been delayed due to all the wet weather. He will follow up with Bob Tarasuk. Mark is concerned that the park work will conflict with the logging work. The selectmen unanimously agree to move forward with the grant. Phase one will be the 6.2 acres along the front of the property and phase 2 will be the other 9 acres.

Table Item 3, Chapter 90.

Discussed the bulky waste and electronics collections. Discussed the swap shack and how to maintain it. Dolores will order the bulky waste box from May 11 to May 19. She will order the electronics collection box also for May 1.

Reviewed the FY2020 warrant, Selectmen unanimously approved the suggestions made by Town Counsel. The Town Clerk will have enough annual town reports to hand out at the annual town meeting. The warrants will be mailed out as required by our bylaw.

Consideration and vote to renew the Mutual Aid Agreement for police mutual aid. Fred presented it for signatures. Motion by Mark, second by George, passed unanimously to renew the mutual aid agreement.

Fred read aloud a letter from the DCR that they are acquiring approximately 2.7 acres from a private land owner, map 418-43. "In accordance with the provisions of 301 CMR § 51.00, we would like to inform you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), has under consideration the acquisition of approximately 2.7 ± acres of land, or other property interest, in the Town of Sandisfield, Map 418, Lot 43. The property is currently used as open space and forestland. If acquired by the Commonwealth, the land shall be used for natural resource protection and recreation and added to the Cookson State Forest.

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The DCR is asking for a waiver of the 120 day notice time period for the above potential land acquisition by the Commonwealth.

Motion by Mark, second by George, passed to grant the waiver of the 120 days. Forms signed by Mark Newman and Town Clerk.

Selectmen's updates:

The MVP meetings were very successful. BRPC will be here on April 29 at 7p.m. to review the results of the workshops.

George continues to work on the Green Committee, he also worked on a letter for TRI.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred continues to work on Complete Streets Grant for speed signs and bike racks. The Conservation Commission is all set with the Town Hall, Town Hall Annex and Library. They will need to review the RDA regarding Wilbur Park.

Discussed the cardboard compactor. Reviewed options to purchase outright or lease with the option to own over 3 years.

Fred has not heard anything on the COA grant.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Brenda Larson thanked the Selectmen for supplying food for the MVP meetings.

Future agenda items"

George would like to discuss the Web Site Administrator position.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley