

Town of Sandisfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Minutes for meeting Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

1. Review and sign minutes of meeting

No minutes this week.

2. Sign FY2020 Annual Town Warrant

Board signed the warrant.

Town Moderator Simon Winchester asked why we do not move the school article up to first place on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, and if the Board would approve this. The Board and Town Administrator said that the Clerk did not think it was needed. They were not sure why. Mr. Ventresco said that he thinks it was just because the request came in at the last minute and she did not see the need to rearrange the whole outline. It was noted that since someone from the school would be there that this was the reason to do this.

3. Discuss Web Master position

Selectman Riley said that he feels we need someone to be devoted to maintaining the Website to keep it up to date. Town Manager Ventresco informed the Board that we currently have \$1,950.00 in the salary line of the Technology budget. The Town Administrator is doing the job at this time, but we need someone to be devoted to the job. Concern was expressed that the website was difficult to update and not easy for the outside visitors as well to find things. Town Administrator Ventresco pointed out that the website host is one of the largest in the nation dedicated to municipal websites. It was decided to post an ad for a Senior Work-Off person first and see if we get any takers. If not, we will seek an employee or other options.

4. Consideration and vote to appoint Barbara Cormier to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Selectman O'Rourke to appoint Barbara Cormier to the Zoning Board of Appeals; motion seconded by Selectman Newman. Motion passed 3-0.

5. Selectmen's updates

Selectman Riley:

The Green Community Team met recently. They are going to ask the Department of Energy Resources to modify a grant we received for an energy audit so that we can use it to hire a consultant to design a heat pump system and a solar array and related for the annex; we have already had an energy audit. Some other projects the Green Team is working on: Attic insulation, pipe insulation, and Led lighting. They will be putting some of these out to bid/quotes soon. A discussion about the feasibility of replacing windows ensued; it is believed that the grants will not cover windows. The single windows are the worst, Selectman Newman emphasized. The Greet Team will reconsider

the issue of the windows. On May 2nd there will be a reception for the communities that were recently awarded Green Community status, which includes Sandisfield.

Select O'Rourke:

He met Ron the bridge painter; we are getting close to getting this done. There is a Work Session tomorrow at 1:00 PM to meet with Matt Crocker of Corcker Comminutions, for an update on broadband.

Chairman Newman:

Chairman Newman reminded everyone that at next Monday's Select Board meeting they and the consultants from BRPC will be presenting the results of the two workshops that focused on the vulnerabilities of the Town. This is for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program and related grants.

6. Town Administrator updates

He is trying to finalize the Complete Streets purchases of the speed signs and bike racks, and repair stations, and other items.

7. Discuss future agenda items

None at this time

8. Review mail

Done.

9. Review and sign warrants

Done.

10. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Nina brought up the need to repair the Community Room so that it doesn't flood; we may have to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt due to this. Brian and Mark updated on this: Catch basin and pipe are much too small for the job there; this will be done by the Town crew; the new door will be lifted up as well when it is installed soon. We have to touch base with Conservation first to make sure it is under our NOI as well.

Barbara Cormier asked if we are asking too much of the Public Works crew for jobs other than road work, and with so few workers. She reminded the Board that the roads need so much work. Selectman O'Rourke commented that he did not think so, but that we need to just manage our time better.

Selectman Riley asked for clarification on what defines a bulky waste item, and if we charge to dispose of them. Selectmen O'Rourke and Newman clarified that bulky waste disposal is free the two times of year the Town accepts it. Also, Bulky waste consists of large items that are not electronics (e-waste) and are not hazardous or pose environmental concerns such as refrigerators, or just scrap metal. Riley will write an article to clarify this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley