

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 29, 2019

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alison Egan and Margaret McDonough in to present the results of the MVP workshops. Mark reviewed the process of the workshops. They covered the risk matrix regarding floods, high winds, ice and snow storms, emergency evacuations and heavy rains. The classes broke down into two groups with a total of 30 participants. Alison explained that this provides a thorough report for the town and state. This will also allow us to apply for more grants starting as soon as this June. They can assist with renewing the Hazard Mitigation Plan. All attendees were then asked to vote on the matrix priorities. The top priority is infrastructure, evacuation routes, spotty cell service and the lack of broadband. The Selectmen thanked all for participating. Alison and Margaret will have a draft of these results as well as a presentation prepared for the Annual Town Meeting.

Discussed purchase order forms starting July 1, 2019. Mark reviewed the form will need to be filed out and signed by a Board of Selectmen member before the purchase is made. Any purchases over \$250.00 will require pre approval and a purchase order form. Ralph Morrison stated that he had a problem with this and gave an example regarding a broken radio for the ambulance. Brian said it shouldn't be a problem getting approval ahead of time as the selectmen will approve them as soon as possible. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the new purchase order process. We will hold an all boards meeting to review the new process with all boards and committees.

Selectmen's updates:

George continues to work on the Green Communities and is attending a meeting this week in West Hampton.

Mark reviewed the Broadband Committee scheduled for April 30 at noon.

Brian stated that the Select Board has made a business decision not to renew the Town Administrator's contract. Fred will stay until June 30, 2019.

Ralph Morrison discussed the Public Safety Officer position. The nursing home has now offered \$7,500 to offset the cost of this position. The Town of Tolland has put the vote off for a special town meeting.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred has ordered the speed limit signs but needs to also get the posts. He is working on the bike racks.

Nina Carr reviewed the volunteer cleanup that was to happen at York Lake. She was the only person from town there. The cleanup will be rescheduled.

Future agenda items:

Web Site Administrator

Road Sup. Brad Curry reviewed that he will be away from May 12-17 and will be back in time for the annual town meeting.

We will schedule a work session with Brad for May 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley