

Selectmen's minutes of meeting May 13, 2019

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley,
Fred Ventresco (7:30), Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Reviewed and signed Small Bridge Grant for \$500,000.

Discussed a Senior Tax Workoff Program project. Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko requested the project to have 2 people to prepare food for all the elections and primaries through next year. This year there is the town election, in March is the Presidential Primary, May 2020 town election, August 2020 state primary and November will be the state and presidential election. Barbara will present the proposal to the COA and follow up with Dolores. The Selectmen all agreed it is a great idea.

Discussed whether to have a meeting next week on election day. The Selectmen will meet for a short session to sign warrants.

Reviewed and signed a cemetery deed.

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

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint John Skrip to the Cultural Council.

Selectmen's updates:

Brian reiterated that for the people that were not in attendance at last weeks meeting that the Select Board has made a business decision to not renew the Town Administrator's contract. This does not in any way reflect on Fred's performance. The Town is simply going in a different direction.

Discussed Cold Spring Road. Brian has discovered that Joe Carter has been replaced by Jonathan Corro. Mr. Carrero is now the representative for Hinckles and McCoy. Brian made it very clear that the town is very dissatisfied with the condition of Cold Spring Road and will not sign off on it until it is properly repaired.

Brian has been in contact with the bridge painting company for the Route 57 bridge. They will be here after the Memorial Day parade, mid June, to complete the painting of the bridge.

Tara White and Smitty Pignatelli will continue to look into the condition of Route 57.

Brian reviewed that the DPW now has a new cell phone set up with a municipal account which also includes a hot spot for internet service.

Discussed the condition of the bathroom at the Old Town Hall. Brian will meet with Anina Carr to review.

George reviewed that there will be a Green Comm. meeting next week to discuss replacing insulation at the Town Hall Annex.

Discussed the website administrator, she will start posting agendas and minutes in the next few weeks.

George announced that there will be coffee and pastries before the Annual Town Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Discussed the cardboard compactor. Discussed using the \$6,000 grant towards the installation. It will depend on how the grant was written, if installation was included in the description then it can be applied towards the cost. If we lease it for 3 years then we don't have to worry about the maintenance for three years. We have an offer to lease to own. Fred responded that we can get a new compactor for \$11,000. Fred will review the grant to see how it was written.

Discussed the transfer station hours. Starting July 1, 2019 the transfer station will be open from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday's and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Discussed employee benefits. Dolores read the clause from the personnel manual describing full time and part time employee and their benefits. Fred reiterated that it is state mandated that the town offers medical to any employees that work over 20 hours.

Future agenda items:

George would like to discuss the summer schedule.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Nina Carr asked about traffic signs, Fred responded that they have been ordered and should be here soon.

George reviewed that we held a work session with the DPW Superintendent and discussed an open house at the new DPW garage. We are hoping to have the open house on Saturday, June. 8.

Barbara Cormier asked about the building committee. They have not had a meeting in many months. Brian will contact Ralph Morrison regarding the meetings and the doors. Barbara commented on the condition of the Center Cemetery, it looks disgusting as you drive in. There are piles of stone and dirt. The selectmen will follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley