

Town of Sandisfield  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES

Minutes for meeting of Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

Those present: Select Board: Mark Newman, Chair; Brian O'Rourke; Fred Ventresco

Absent: George Riley.

Chairman Mark Newman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. Review and sign minutes of meetings

The Board reviewed and signed the minutes.

Mark announced that next week's meeting will be on Tuesday due to Memorial Day. George will not be able to attend next week's meeting.

2. Selectmen's updates

Brain, Mark and Public Works Director Curry will be meeting with representatives from the pipeline company tomorrow at 8 AM to discuss repairs to Cold Spring Road.

Brian spoke with Representative Smitty Pignatelli and discussed three things mainly: 1) Route 57. Smitty informed that he has some updates on this and will fill him in soon. 2) Brian and Smitty also discussed the dirt piles at the Sandisfield entrance to York Lake; Brian was assured that something would be done about this soon. Brian also discussed with Smitty the Cold Spring Road repair and the issues the Town has been having with Kinder Morgan, the pipeline company. Smitty expressed that he was not pleased with the way the Attorney General's Office has acted (or lack thereof) on this issue, and that he did not mind if this was stated in public. Brian also announced said that the bridge will be painted before snow flies again.

George announced that they are having a Green Community (team) meeting tomorrow, and he is scheduled to meet with a vendor to get an estimate on heat pumps for the Town Hall Annex.

3. Town Administrator updates

Town Administrator Fred Ventresco followed up on the questions from last week's meeting about the Transfer station. He was able to confirm with the Master Garbologist that there would be no charge for the provision of the container for cardboard even if the Town decides to not use a compactor provided by them. Mr. Ventresco is still waiting to hear back from DEP regarding if we can use grant funds for the cardboard compactor for expenses relate to its installation, set up and other related expenses.

4. Review mail

Mail was reviewed.

5. Review and sign warrants

Warrants were signed.

6. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Reminder: Next week's meeting will be on Tuesday. Closed Monday due to Memorial Day.

Barbara Cormier let it be known that there is a Mercedes van around Town that has been going at speeds of 100 mph.

George brought up the email received earlier in the day from Farmington River School Business Manager Eric Jesner which asked the Board for some guidance in light of the vote at Town meeting not to pass the proposed school budget, which the Board recommend not to pass as well.

Eric is asking if the issue is with the assessment method or the actual budget amount, and that if it is the budget amount itself how to proceed.

Brian and Mark agreed that the question was originally with the increase in the budget, and that the alternate assessment method was discovered and brought up only as a way to possibly rectify this. However, Mark and Brian agreed they do not think it best to suggest a number; George expressed some reservations with this, but agreed in the end. All Board Members unanimously agreed that the Town Administrator should respond to Mr. Jesner with the following statement: "Our issue is with the budget and we are looking for a substantial reduction in the budget."

Seeing no other business, Chairman Newman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.