

Selectmen's minutes of meeting September 3, 2019

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Members absent: George Riley

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

Dana Ehninger in to discuss a special permit for her business Star Studios. She presented an application for a special permit. Brian asked about the weekend workshops that she has been advertising which include preparing and serving food and alcoholic beverages. There is also overnight lodging provided. Brian will contact town counsel to find out what licenses she will need. Brian returned the application back to her to complete and re submit.

Rosanne Skrip in representing SARC. The sign company stated it will cost several thousand dollars to move the sign into the ledge. She presented the \$50.00 check for the special permit. Brian explained that there is already one leg of the sign in ledge and that it should not be that costly to move. Rosanne said they cannot afford to move it at this time. Brian suggested contacting Larkin Sign Company, they should be able to do it at a reasonable cost. Reviewed the issues with the trimming of the brush. Brian followed up with Conservation Commission member Paul Gaudette. Paul explained that if the SARC wanted to do the trimming they would need to contact Conservation and would be restricted as to what could be trimmed. The town however has a 6 foot right of way from the curb which would remove about 85% of the brush that is in the sight line of the sign. The selectmen want the sign moved by September 16, 2019.

Reviewed the Disposal of Town Property policy. Brian read the policy aloud. Our policy is for property under \$5,000 in value. The law is now for property under \$10,000. The Fire Dept., Inc. would like to donate a 1988 tanker and get the 1980 returned to them. Brian informed Ralph that we need a document providing the estimate of the 1980 first. Ralph responded that the 1988 tanker is already being lettered and should be registered by the end of the week. Ralph contacted the insurance company for quotes to insure 2 army trucks and a hummer. The cost is approximately \$1,000 for each vehicle. These vehicles were not included on the insurance that we just budgeted for.

Larry Dwyer and Nina Carr from the Green Team in to discuss the bidding process for insulation. Larry stated that we received 30% of the grant up front. He then reviewed the reimbursement process. During this process he discovered that they did not follow the prevailing wage requirement. The insulation bid will need to be rebid. Dolores explained that this is why we need a procurement officer. Ad hoc committee's and sub committee's are not responsible for bidding.

Motion by Mark, second by Brian to reject the insulation bid. It will need to be rebid following the procurement process.

Selectmen's update:

They are meeting with the cardboard compactor company this Wednesday at the Transfer Station.

Spectrum has already started the house counting process for broadband.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Nina Carr discussed school policies. She is upset that the School Committee wants a selectman to go to their meetings instead of a school committee member coming to their meetings. Mark reviewed that Jennifer Hibbins from the school committee is coming in on Sept. 16. Brian responded that they meet the same night as the selectmen. We were represented at their meetings by our town administrator. He reviewed that the school committee only meets once a month, the selectmen meet every week. Barbara Cormier stated that the original regional agreement was that the school committee would alternate their meetings in the two towns.

Laurie Kanter in to inquire as to whether there is a marijuana growth facility going in on West Hubbard Road. She was approached by a land owner that stated she was opening the facility and had already acquired all the permits necessary. Brian responded that there has been no formal requests brought to the board. They cannot move forward without the proper special permit process and no applications have been filed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke