

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Sept. 30, 2019

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Purchase orders reviewed and signed.

Discussed sign request from Berkshire Natural Resources. George followed up with Town Counsel for the process of putting up a town hall annex sign and adding Berkshire Natural Resources to it. Per Town Counsel, we can add anything we want to the sign. However, we may need to get a special permit for it. We could have the DPW apply for the permit since it would be the Selectmen approving the permit. Mark asked George if he was representing Berkshire Natural Resources. George replied that he is not. He stated that there has been some confusion regarding the sign. It was brought to his attention by BNRC that the Town Hall Annex was hard to find since there is no sign. Brian reiterated that as Selectmen we should not be representing other entities. They should come before the board in person. Discussed amending the sign bylaw to exempt municipal properties. We will re address the sign at budget time since it was not budgeted for in this fiscal year.

We will table item 4, discussing broadband funding until the selectmen meet with the Town Accountant and Treasurer.

Jackie Bitso in to discuss the Compact IT Grant. We missed out on it last year. The grant application is due by October 16, 2019. She would like to apply for it for a motor vehicle program for the Treas/Tax Collector and Assessors office. Approximate cost is \$10,000. She would like to look into an electronic marque sign to post events and emergency information. She would also like headsets for all phones. We need to appoint one person as the contact. George will look into it.

Larry Dwyer from the Green Team in to discuss the down payment for the insulation job. He has requested a check for 50% to get the job started. The check has not been created yet. Dolores asked if he had supplied a copy of the grant for the Town Accountant and the Treasurer. He replied that he has not seen a copy of the grant. Dolores explained that without a copy of the grant the accountant and treasurer would not know to create the account. There has to be an account created to spend from. Dolores will research the town administrator files to see if she can find a copy of the grant.

Jeff Bye from the Broadband Committee in to ask the selectmen to think about disbanding the Broadband Committee. They were tasked with bringing broadband to the town and that task has been accomplished. Brian suggested Jeff meet with the board members and reassign duties. We will need them to stay on to see the project through to completion.

Discussed whether we need to have and MLP. Dolores will research the article to see how it was worded.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley