

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting October 19, 2020

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Remote participation information provided to the public. Tonight's meeting ID was off by one number. Dolores immediately sent out an e-alert on the town's website to correct it and people were able to then phone in and participate.

Discussed the sale of cemetery plots with Kathy Burrows. Rich Atwood is willing to meet with the persons wishing to purchase cemetery plots. We will reach out to Rich Atwood to set up a meeting.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meeting

Reviewed and signed purchase orders

Reviewed the Draft Warrant for the Special Town Meeting. The articles to be voted on are:

To accept the Annual Reports of the Town Officers

Vote to amend the Finance Committee bylaw

Vote on an act authorizing the town of Sandisfield to continue the employment of employees subject to mandatory retirement

Vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 138, section 33B to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10am to noon on Sundays

Motion by Mark, second by George, passed unanimously to accept the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held at the DPW Garage on Silverbrook Road on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Roger Kohler present by remote to review the sign bylaw. He explained that the Selectboard are the special permit granting authority. The Planning Board would like to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Chapter IX by adding the following language under Section 7, Sign Regulations, Part B., Sign Restrictions:

5. Municipal signage shall be exempt from the requirements of Paragraph 3 and 4. Signs erected by the Town or on Town property shall require only approval by the Select Board.

Per Roger due to Covid they received waivers of the notice of the public hearing from Community Housing and abutting towns except Monterey. Roger reviewed some of the comments from the public hearing. Some felt it was unethical for the town to be exempt.

Nina Carr asked if this was for BNRC to put their trail sign up on town property. George responded that they are one of the signs that could be allowed. Brian and Mark do not agree that any outside organizations should be allowed to put signs up on town properties. They interpret the bylaw to

allow only municipal signage. Roger responded that the Planning Board agrees with Mark and Brian.

Motion by Brian, second by George with Mark opposed to place the bylaw change to the Nov. 12, 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Town Manager updates:

Continuation of working with surrounding towns and with Smitty Pignatelli on senior transportation. They meet every Friday to discuss. Joanne is suggesting that they use the balance in the senior transportation budget as seed money.

She attended the Finance Committee meeting and did a school budget review and also quarterly forecasting reports.

Permit Eyes has been successfully launched. We still need to figure out the online payments.

She has submitted reimbursements for the September work on the culvers.

Yanner Park, Adam Brown worked with the Boy Scouts to pour the concrete and set the picnic tables.

She has secured a cleaning service for the Old Town Hall before and after the Nov. election.

Nina Carr would like the Old Town Hall cleaned before the COA holds the flu clinic their on Oct. 27. Joanne will look into it. Nina also thanked Joanne for her continued work on the senior transportation issue. Nina would like to help out with the survey to be done but feels she needs more time.

Future agenda items:

Sign the Special Town Meeting warrant

Vote to appoint Ralph Morrison as the Emergency Response Coordinator

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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Mark Newman

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George Riley