

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Nov. 9, 2020

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Remote participation information supplied to the public.

Minutes reviewed and signed.

Purchase orders reviewed and signed.

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to re appoint Rosanne Hoekstra to the Cultural Council.

Discussed the upcoming special town meeting and all boards meeting. The Governor has issued new Covid protocols. Brian contacted Town Counsel to discuss how to hold these two meetings. Per Town Counsel the Special Town Meeting can be held following social distancing protocols. We may have to have the all boards meeting by remote. He will know by tomorrow. The all boards meeting will be on Monday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Nina Carr asked if the town has looked into a fogger for sterilizing the town buildings. Brian responded that we have not but will.

Roger Brown stated that he will work towards putting materials together for the all boards meeting.

Discussed the Transfer Station invoices. DPW Superintendent Brad Curry participating by remote. Dolores reviewed the invoices, some from Casella and one from Waste Management. They go to different mailing addresses which is confusing. She is concerned that the rates may have changed from the contract with the Master Garbologist. Brad explained that Casella is holding to the contract, the only change is in the recycling. The cost of recyclables could fluctuate. We will have a work session in the near future to discuss the budget and overseeing of the Transfer Station account.

The Transfer Station will be closed for Veteran's Day.

Nina Carr asked if the Selectmen are going to respond to the negative article in the Sandisfield Times regarding the Transfer Station inspection. Brian responded that once we get the annual report we will make that public.

Town Manager updates:

Public Service Announcement, the Cultural Council grant deadline has been extended to Dec. 14. She has been working with the Cultural Council on their grants.

Update on Cold Spring Road, they are paving from the Otis line to the bridge, not to the other Otis line. To pave passed the bridge to the Otis line to Route 8 will cost an additional \$30,000. Brian responded that we can't pave the additional unless we use Chapter 90 funding and there isn't enough time to apply for Chapter 90. Brad will add this to his list of Chapter 90 projects for next year.

She has been in conversations with One Berkshire for state funding. They requested and she supplied a letter of support.

Joanne and Brad will be attending a 2 hour MVP Dirt Roads Assessment meeting with BSC. The field work has been completed. The next step is to rate the dirt roads.

This week she is rolling out the training for Permit Eyes. The goal was to have data in the system. The training will be this week and next week. Joanne asked Mark when will people be able to pay online with debit or credit cards. Mark responded that the option has been available and someone has already used it. Joanne said the account only takes checks not debit or credit cards. Brian will follow up the treasurer.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Lynn Rubenstein thanked the DPW for filling in all the potholes on Town Hill Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Brian O'Rourke

Mark Newman

George Riley