

Selectmen's minutes of meeting May 18, 2020

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Participation by remote provided for the public

Minutes reviewed and signed

No purchase orders

Discussed Article 22 on the FY2021 Annual Town Warrant regarding the transfer to offset the tax rate. Brian explained that Town Accountant Margaret reviewed the prop 2 ½ numbers. She re did the formula to determine the override. We are actually below our levy capacity by \$106,936.36 and not over by \$124,841.43. Kathy Jacobs suggested including the Treasurer and Town Accountant in the budget process next year. Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to remove Article 22 from the FY2021 Annual Town Warrant.

Mark announced that Keith Larson is the new Transfer Station Attendant. Keith will be working part time at the Transfer Station and part time for the DPW. We will advertise for a full time DPW employee with a CDL license required.

Kathy Jacobs asked about the insurance for the new employee. Brian responded that there should be enough funds to cover it.

Reviewed and signed the Yanner Park Logging Contract Extension Agreement which allows them to complete the logging by Sept. 30, 2020.

Town Manager updates:

Joanne received 20 emails today regarding the opening of the State. She summarized what will effect local residents.

She explained that there is money available through the CARE act. Sandisfield is eligible for \$78,000 for Covid-19 expenses.

She spent time today with the insurance company reviewing 2 vehicle claims. The insurance company will get in touch with the claimant once the town has filed the claim forms.

The Highway Dept. is grading roads.

She met with the Finance Committee on Thursday evening.

She has received information that the Veterans Benefits reimbursements will be received earlier. They will come quarterly to the Treasurer's office.

The Memorial Day Parade will include vehicles from Fire, Police and Veterans from the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland.

She continues to work with Jackie in the Assessors office to bridge the Assessors office and the Tax Collectors office.

The hotspot is operational at the Town Hall Annex.

Future agenda items:

Roger Ball would like to come in to present plans to upgrade a pre-existing non-conforming structure.

Nina Carr would like to discuss parameters for the swap shack at the Transfer Station. Joanne responded that she and the DPW are working on it.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Brian brought up the mowing of town owned properties. Bogart Muller who currently has the contract has informed the town that he is no able to continue after Memorial Day. There is a clause in the contract that allows the Selectmen to sublet the work out without rebidding. Brian would like permission to reach out to Mat McCuin. This does not require a vote. Permission granted by the Board.

Kathy Jacobs would like more time to change or review the votes from the Finance Committee on the FY2021 Annual Town Warrant now that Article 22 has been removed.

Dolores explained that there is simply no more time for revisions. If there are any changes that need to be made they can make them at the Annual Town Meeting.

Barbara Cormier thanked the town for creating the option of paying taxes on line.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley