

Selectmen's minutes of meeting June 29, 2020

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

Remote participation information provided to the public.

Motion by Mark, second by George, passed unanimously to appoint Brian O'Rourke as Chair of the Selectboard.

Roll call vote: Mark yes, George yes, Brian yes

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to appoint George Riley as the Clerk of the Selectboard.

Roll call vote: Mark yes, Brian yes, George yes

Brian recognized and thanked Mark for his 2 years as a great chair, George agreed.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to accept the following Fy2020 Encumbrances:

Roll call vote: Brian yes, Mark yes, George yes

Tax Collector Expenses \$7,690

Town Clerk Expenses \$1,079.28

Library Expenses \$692.27

Planning Board Expenses \$227.20

ALS Intercept Expenses \$3,100.00

Police Dept. Expenses \$3,948.00

Fire Dept. Maint. Expenses \$129.99

Highways and Bridges Maint. Expenses \$16,277.75

Yanner Park Expenses \$21,255.00

Yanner Park Expenses \$3,217.26

Discussed encumbrances for the employee bonus. Joanne is following up with the DOR as to whether we can encumber salaries. The Treasurer Terry Spohnholz does not believe you can encumber salaries. Joanne responded that there may be adjustments from Covid 19 that will allow this.

Discussed the end of year transfers. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the following end of year transfers. Roll call vote, Brian yes, Mark yes, George yes

Transfer from Employee Benefits to Veteran's Benefits \$5,932.21

Transfer from Repair & Maint. of Town Properties to Solid Waste \$8,414.70

Transfer from Town Clerk Salaries and Repair of Town Properties to ALS Intercept \$9,388.00  
Transfer from Snow and Ice Expenses to Highways and Bridges Maint. \$20,000.

Roger Brown from Finance Committee in to discuss a Special Town Meeting to transfer the repayment to the Stabilization Trust Fund for the payment of the Rugg Bridge.

All selectmen agreed to place this article on a future special town meeting, we will not have one solely for this purpose.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Adams Gonska from the Police Dept. effective June 30, 2020. The selectmen appreciate all the work Mr. Gonska has provided for the town.

Roll call vote: Brian yes, Mark yes, George yes.

Discussed the Town Custodian position. We will advertise for the position with a base pay starting at \$20.00.

Librarian Terry Spohnholz stated that she only makes \$16.30 an hour as the librarian. She is the lowest paid librarian in the state and objects to the custodian starting out at \$20.00. Brian asked her to get information from surrounding towns as to what other librarians are paid.

Discussed the Transfer Station operation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mark spoke with Keith, he would rather work on Friday than on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Brian will follow up with Keith.

Town Manager updates:

The Yanner Park driveway and parking progress looks beautiful. They are planning on finishing up in the next few days. They have ordered picnic tables.

MVP Dirt Road Grant, she continues to work with Sheffield and New Marlborough. They are very complementary to Sandisfield.

BPHA-Mark did sign the contract for \$2,000 which is lower than Porchlight VNA

Permit Eyes for the online building permits is moving forward.

She received a \$500 grant from the DEP to purchase items like recycling bins or kitchen scrap buckets.

Future agenda items:

Custodial position

Paul Gaudette would like to look into a long term solid waste contract, we will discuss this the end of July.

George would like to discuss Roberts Road

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Topics not reasonably anticipated:

Librarian Terry Spohnholz explained that the Library Trustees had a meeting today. It was not raining at the time, however, later in the day we had a storm which caused flooding downstairs at the Library. She was guaranteed that this would not happen again. She has created a children's library downstairs. When contacting the DPW of the flooding that was occurring their response was "What do you want us to do". Brian will follow up with the DPW. Steve Harasyko, former Road Superintendent explained that there is very little pitch to the pipe leading away from the building. Brian suggested looking into a grant that will pave the parking lot and eliminate the flooding issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley

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Mark Newman