

Selectmen's minutes of meeting August 10, 2020

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Remote participation information provided to the public.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

We received a request from Bill Taylor at 7 New Hartford Road for a Common Victualler's License for a farm stand. Since the town is zoned residential/agricultural a special permit is not needed. Kathy Burrows asked about the driveway. Brian responded that there is a driveway permit for that property. Motion by Brian, second by George, passed unanimously to grant the license with the condition that cars pull off New Hartford Road into his driveway.

Reviewed and signed the warrant for the State Primary.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to re appoint Barbara Cormier, Linda Riiska and Shirley Spring to the Council on Aging.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Teresa Spohnholz from the Recreation Committee.

Update on the status of the clean up from tropical storm Isaias. Brad responded that 90% of the paved roads are cleaned up and about 50% of the dirt roads are cleaned up. Everyone has their electricity restored. Ralph responded that he worked with the power company until Friday night and everyone was back on line. Ralph will follow up with Eversource on the process and communication at a future date.

The selectmen thanked the DPW, Police, Fire and Emergency Management for their work on this storm.

Brian explained that performance appraisals for town employees are complete. Bonuses to be handed out are for 5 meets expectations and 3 exceeds expectations for a total of \$3,300.

Town Manager updates:

Joanne reviewed the new dropbox now available at the Town Hall Annex.

The Route 57 drainage bid opening is this Thursday. She and Brad will attend.

She continues to work on a series of communications on the website and social media about the storm.

She also worked on job postings on the website, social media and Indeed Site.

She is working on a grant regarding recent damage to a culvert.

She has met with Mathew Kollmer the building inspector. They are meeting to review and install Permit Eyes.

She is attending the MVP Action Grant kickoff meeting this Wednesday for the road survey.

She is meeting with the Finance Committee this Wednesday.

George asked about jobs posted in the Shoppers Guide, Joanne will follow up.

Mark asked about the town custodian job description. He would like to remove the job of snow shoveling. The custodian should only be for the interior of the buildings. Joanne will amend this.

Nina Carr commended Joanne for all the website updates during the storm.

Future agenda items:

Smigel public hearing

Recreation Committee to review contract with the American Legion

Joanne would like other boards and committees to provide updates

Nina Carr would like to use an outdoor area site for chair yoga

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Dolores presented an estimate to repair the surveillance equipment at the Town Hall Annex. Brian reviewed the importance of repairing the equipment and upgrading to include an intercom. We will also have the buzzer's reattached to the doors. Brian explained that during this Covid 19 emergency situation it is that much more important to have this repair work done.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to move forward with the repair work.

Mark asked about the mailboxes at the bottom on Town Hill Road. The one mailbox that is there is posted on an immovable post. Brad will check it out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley

Mark Newman