

Selectmen's minutes of meeting September 14, 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 for the public.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meeting

Reviewed and signed purchase orders

Brad Curry, DPW Superintendent in to provide the following updates:

Reimbursement Request

Gravel Roads #2019-001 \$15,000

Hubbard Road #2019-003 \$98,000

River Road #2019-004 \$70,000

Equipment

07 550 replaced right front tire and windshield ordering new tags

JCB Backhoe hydraulic leak

12 ton roller ordered parts

Meeting with onsite equipment mechanic

Road Work

FDR & Paving completed on Sears, Town Hill, Beech Plain, 183

Shoulder work line painting is being scheduled

Our crews are presently working on dirt roads washed out

Mass Works Grant

Culvert work started today. Detours will start Wednesday 9/16

FDR & Paving bid open Wednesday 9/16

New Hire

We had 27 candidates

Interviewed 5 qualified candidates

Dump

Residents are asking about Bulky waste dumpster

Mark asked about the dirt roads and gravel, Brad responded that they are not complete.

Mark reviewed a call he had from Gloria Spector regarding the culvert at the end of her driveway. She would like to know who is responsible for fixing it. Brad responded that the homeowner is responsible.

Brian complemented the work the DPW did at the end of Shade Road.

Mark asked about the no name bridge, Brad responded that it is scheduled for next year.

Brad explained that John Fields will be working on removing dead trees around town.

Nina Carr asked about the edge of Sears Road, Brad responded that they will be back in the spring.

Nina Carr in for the COA to discuss Elderly Transportation. Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation is going out of business. They have provided a van one day a week for seniors that have doctor appointments or grocery shopping to do out of town. Our COA has a volunteer driving program that helps a little. Discussed the inconsistencies with sanitizing vehicles in between rides. Nina would like to work with surrounding towns to apply for a grant for a van.

Nina attended a meeting with Monterey, Great Barrington, New Marlborough and Egremont regarding combining services.

Brian said that Great Barrington is going to start providing their own services.

Brian has concerns as to where the van is stored, who maintains, who drives.

Nina responded that Monterey and New Marlborough COA's are definitely interested into looking into shared services.

Brian is willing to work with Nina but this will take time, he feels we need to engage the Selectmen of the other towns.

Brian would like the COA to look into grants and then the selectmen will help with the follow through.

Nina would like Town Manager Joanne to help with the grants. Brian will reach out to Joanne and have her contact Nina.

Discussed the policy for Grant Submittals. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to adopt the policy for Grant Submittals.

Discussed the policy for the use of Purchase Orders. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to adopt the policy for the use of Purchase Orders.

Nina asked about the chair yoga monthly bill which is just of \$250. Brian said they will have to submit a purchase order each month.

Brad would like the \$250 limit for purchase orders increased to \$1,000.

Brian responded that he would like to stay at \$250 until the end of the year and then revisit. He would be open to amending the limit for higher volume departments.

Future agenda items:

Transfer Station fees

Bulky Waste collection date

Jennifer Hibbins would like to be re appointed to the Cultural Council.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley

Mark Newman