

Selectmen's minutes of meeting January 19, 2021

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 meetings.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

Item 3 will be addressed later in the minutes. George Munson is having difficulty phoning into the meeting.

Discussed the Town Custodian job. Joanne followed up with the top 2 choices. One is no longer interested so she contacted the third in line. She had lengthy conversations with both candidates. One is currently a custodian and is willing to do more than we need. She is recommending Laureen Pease. Laureen lives in town so travel time will not be an issue.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to hire Laureen Pease as Town Custodian. Motion by George, second by Brian, passed unanimously to pay her \$18.50 per hour.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint Jennifer Hibbins to the Regional School Review Committee.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint Steve Seddon, Sr. to the Regional School Review Committee.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint Barbara Cormier to the Regional School Review Committee.

George Munson participating by remote is representing the Sandisfield Snowmobile Club to request permission to use an existing logging trail on the already logged Sandisfield Center Cemetery property. They no longer have permission to use the Turek's property. They would enter from Silverbrook Road follow the logging road to the stone pile then down the driveway across the brush line below the burial plots.

Selectmen George asked if and when did they get permission from the town to originally go through the property. George Munson responded that they have used it for more than 30 years and it was well before he took over the club. They do not use grooming machines, only snowmobiles. They carry two million in liability insurance.

Mark asked if we had a funeral service at the cemetery how would they handle that. Brian responded that they would avoid any funeral events. Mr. Munson will leave contact info for us.

John Burrows asked if they are using the entrance or exit roads for the cemetery, they are not.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to grant permission on the condition that we fill out the insurance that they provided.

Discussed eliminating the 11 post office boxes for various town departments and having the mail delivered to the Town Hall Annex. Mark did some research on how many we p o boxes we are currently renting which is 11, the cost is approx. \$1,000 a year. He would like the post office deliver it to the town hall annex once a day. Brian asked how to go about having a cluster of mail boxes outside at the Town Hall Annex. Joanne will look into an apartment style box with locked boxes for all departments.

Kathy Burrows asked about boards that have already paid for the year rental on the p o box. Brian responded that this transition will take a few months.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

Nina Carr would like to be on the Regional School Review Committee. She will send her request to Joanne for next weeks agenda.

Brian stated that there is interest from non registered voters to serve on the Regional School Review Committee. He clarified that it is an Ad Hoc committee that would allow one member to be a non registered voter of Sandisfield. All agreed.

Nina Carr would like to know if Roger Kohler from the Board of Health could be contacted to present information on the Covid vaccine process. Brian will reach out to him for next weeks meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley

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Mark Newman