

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Oct. 3, 2016

Members present: Alice Boyd, Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Willie Morales, Bob O'Brien
Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 2:35 p.m.

It is with deep respect that we acknowledge the Mahican Tribe, the pathfinders of our community that we dedicate the opening of our meeting.

School Superintendent/Principal Tom Nadolny and Jane Gleason in from the Farmington River Regional School District to express their concerns about the upcoming winter snow plowing plans. Tom attended the All Boards meeting in Otis and there were citizens expressing their concerns that the Sandisfield Highway Dept. is down employees and they are worried that school will be called off more often because of road conditions in Sandisfield. Alice explained that there is an RFP out for additional winter snow removal contractors. Jane is requesting better communication before the snow storms. The school needs to know before 5:30 a.m. in order to contact bus drivers. The road supers in both towns can contact her as early as possible, the earlier the better. Alice suggested that the road super contacts Jane no later than 5:00 a.m. Bob said that Jane has his cell phone numbers.

Steve Mack in from Foresight Engineering to provide an update on the Route 57, Rugg Bridge project. He presented the plans to review before submitting to MassDOT for review and approval. Discussed the River Road detour. They are going to do some repair work on the Silverbrook Rd. bridge. They should be within budget. The bridge repair work will require a full construction season. It will be bid out this winter and the work will start in the spring. Discussed the detour route. Bob said he did a test run on the detour and explained that tractor trailers will not be able to use this detour as they cannot make the turn onto the Silverbrook Rd. bridge.

Bob provided highway dept updates. They continue to work on the OSHA issues at the garage. Palmer Paving is allowing them to take the millings from the Route 23 paving job. The backhoe will be for yard work only. He continues to look into the gas reading program, Miller Petroleum has a program which they are having shipped. Update on the military truck for snow plowing, Bob reviewed information on the frame for the plow. The frame may not fit future trucks. He also explained the difference between an automatic transmission and manual transmission for a new vehicle is \$15,000 to \$20,000. A new truck could cost approx. \$140,000. John asked Bob to continue looking into attaching a plow to one of the military vehicles. Jeff does not agree with this.

Willie provided Town Administrator updates. He is reviewing the budget request forms with the Treasurer and Town Accountant. Reviewed classes and seminars he attended. There are many towns that are in the same shape or worse shape than we are. He continues to work on the email system. Locke & Lord have received all their documents. He thanked Dolores for her

work on this. Discussed the Municipal Light Plant, the laws have changed and we are not required to have one.

Yanner Park update, Bob is filling out the demo permit to take down the building.

Selectmen's updates. Alice continues to work on the website, it is up and running. She received compliments on Willie's article that was in the Sandisfield Times. John continues to work on truck issues and the gas reading program.

Future agenda items: Truck discussion, John would like the Finance Committee to meet during the week instead of on Saturday mornings. John wants detailed documentation from Police, Fire and EMT. Willie discussed a theme of a clearer plan from police, fire and emts. Willie asked what exactly the selectmen want to see from them. John wants a list of all calls, when, where, and who if allowed.

Reviewed the dump sticker program. We will be installing security cameras at the transfer station.

At 3:40 motion to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose of discussing litigation and to immediately adjourn after.

Roll call, Alice, yes, Jeff, yes, John, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Alice Boyd

Jeff Gray

John Skrip