

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 24, 2017

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Bob provided highway department updates. They are putting the final touches on River Road to prepare for the Route 57 bridge detour. They will be paving a portion of the road. Grading continues. They are starting ditch work on Town Hill Road. Discussed truck traffic on River Road during the bridge work. Tractor trailers will not be allowed to use the River Road detour. Discussed culverts on Dodd Rd. David Hubbard contacted Bob requesting a culvert be relocated in order to draw water away from his property. Bob reviewed the area. The culvert has been in place for more than 20 years and would cost the town approx. \$30,000 to move it. Willie explained that if Mr. Hubbard wants it moved then he would have to pay for it.

Town Administrator updates: Willie has been working on Mass Works, addressing bridge problems, invoice problems from the bridge engineering work.

He continues to look into the Senior Tax Workoff Program. The Council on Aging has asked for an amendment to the policy which would allow a person to do the work for disabled senior to get the tax credit. Willie explained that asking for proof of disability could violate the Hipa Laws. He would like to defer to town council. John does not feel it is necessary to spend the money on a legal ruling. He asked Willie to draft the language for the amendment to the policy, Willie will work on this.

Reviewed employee vacation time. Willie asked permission to grant a rollover of vacation and personal time for employees that have not used it. Permission given by all selectmen.

The new email account is active.

The "Pay as you Throw" meeting is on Tuesday and he will have more information available at the next meeting.

Discussed dumpsite improvements. Willie is looking into improvements to the security camera system at the transfer station. John suggested using the Senior Tax Workoff Program to review the recordings at the transfer station when there is a problem.

Willie reviewed the process for the upcoming union contract negotiations. He is asking the selectmen to review items for negotiations and they will have an executive session at 3:00 p.m. next Monday to discuss contract negotiations.

Selectmen's updates: John continues to work on the master plan and MassDOT. He will be attending a meeting regarding a town van.

Jeff presented a catalog for the Recreation Committee for playground equipment.

Alice continues to work on Kinder Morgan issues and broadband.

Future agenda items will include appointing a member to the recreation committee.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Alice Boyd

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Jeff Gray

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John Skrip