Selectmen’s minutes of meeting May 22, 2017

Members present: John Skrip, Alice Boyd, Mark Newman, Bob O’Brien, Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Willie Morales

Called to order at 7:00

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

Alice welcomed all newly elected officials and then turned the meeting over to Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko.

Dolores swore into office Mark Newman, Roger Kohler, Steven Kopiec, Mary Turek, Simon Winchester and Billie Pachulski.

Dolores explained the board reorganization process. Motion by Alice, second by Mark to nominate John as the chair of the selectboard, motion passed.

Motion by John, second by Mark to nominate Alice as the clerk of the selectboard, motion passed.

Discussed Kinder Morgan issues on the road use. Mark will be the contact selectmen for the highway department.

Nina Carr asked about the security guards for Kinder Morgan, there have not been any more complaints or issues regarding the security guards.

Discussed creating the Community Center Committee. Billie Pachulski explained that they would like to focus on the library and community center, especially the playground area. They would like to have more usage of the community center. This will not be a town governed committee but a group of citizens and volunteers. They will start by conducting a survey of what people want. Motion by Alice, second by Mark, passed unanimously to create the committee as an advisory board to the Selectmen.

Motion by Alice, second by John, passed unanimously to appoint Terry Spohnholz and Billie Pachulski to the Community Center Committee.

Bob provided highway department updates. They finished up the grading this week. Did black topping on Riiska Brook Bridge. They removed the old blacktop and replaced it. John asked Bob to create a maintenance document for all equipment. Bob said we need 6 signs “No Tractor Trailers” on the town roads and passing over bridges with weight limits. Alice suggested John call a meeting with Kinder Morgan, the highway department and safety departments.

Motion by Alice, second by Mark, passed unanimously to regretfully accept the letter of resignation from Ron Bernard from the Historical Commission.

Motion by Alice, second by Mark, passed unanimously to appoint Terry Spohnholz as Treasurer/Collector.

Dolores reviewed the Board of Health vacancy.

Selectmen’s updates;

Alice had a conference call regarding grant monies for Broadband. This included discussions regarding the underground utilities in Otis Woodlands. She continues to work with Kinder Morgan regarding legal fees.

John is looking into a nonbinding deal for tire recycling at the cost of $3.50 per tire. Continues to work with Miller Petroleum on the gas reading program. Dawn asked for a sample of the gas reading report before moving forward. Reviewed a grant for a handicap vehicle for the town. He continues to work on Mass DOT grant.

Discussed the summer schedule.

Motion by Mark, second by Alice, passed unanimously to hold selectmen’s meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday’s of the month for June, July and August.

Discussed problems at the transfer station with people throwing their trash over the fence when the transfer station is closed.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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John Skrip

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Alice Boyd

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Mark Newman