

Selectmen's minutes of meeting July 24, 2017

Members present: John Skrip, Alice Boyd, Mark Newman, 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. The continue to work on Town Hill Road ditches and storm drains. Discussed Chapter 90 project for South Sandisfield Rd. and West St.

He worked with the DCR on flood control. Installed new directional signs. Bob contacted Miller Petroleum whom explained the process of how to get a gas reading using the system that is in place. He will show Bob and Dawn how to download the information. Kinder Morgan would like to change the 2 bore sights to open cuts. Bob will pursue a surety bond. They will need to follow up with the Conservation Commission. John will get in touch with town council and our conservation commission. They will be working on Dodd Road after Town Hill, West St., and South Sandisfield Rd. Steve Kahn asked for confirmation on the work to be done on West St. He was ready to go forward with a class action suit due to the condition of West St. The selectmen cannot guarantee the start but assured Mr. Kahn the work will be done as soon as possible. Bob responded that the bids are in and the contract signed, it will be done by this fall. Lynn Rubenstein thanked the highway department for putting together the tables at the Community Center. Nina Carr asked about the pot holes on Sears Road and South Beech Plain Rd. Bob is working on them. Zoe Marinelli asked about absence of a stop sign on Prock Hill Rd. Bob explained that it has to be approved by the state. He will place one up.

Motion by Alice, second by Mark, passed unanimously to approve and sign the Chapter 90 paperwork for West St. and South Sandisfield Rd.

Discussed the monthly Police Dept. report. John would like more delineation without revealing personal information. Alice suggested having the Town Administrator contact the Police Dept.

Discussed trailer/camp bylaws. John feels that the bylaws regarding trailers and camping are ambiguous. He would like clarity on storage boxes, camps, seasonal and recreation camping. Gary Bottoms present from the Planning Board explained that they worked on these bylaws. They are currently working on bylaws for cell towers and solar energy. John would like them to revisit the trailer/camp bylaws. Zoe stated that there are campers on Dodd Road with electricity hooked up and people living there. We will have the building inspector follow up as he is the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer.

John stated that the Interim Town Administrator Rick White is doing a good job. We are on target for Town Hill and West St., Rugg Bridge, personnel policy and job descriptions.

Alice visited with Senator Hines regarding the pipeline to push for compensation for the town. They also discussed Broadband. Nina Carr spoke with Senator Hines and state rep. Smitty

Pignatelli regarding York Lake. She received positive feedback regarding the town possibly being able to use York Lake. John is also working on this.

Alice stated that there is an important Broadband meeting on Thursday.

Mark questioned the budget calendar from the finance committee. Joe Gelinis responded that the dates will be checked with the Treasurer, Accountant, Assessors and Town Clerk at a meeting next Monday.

Discussed vehicle and equipment inventory. Discussed having the inventory as a senior tax workoff project. Nina Carr will follow up on this with the COA.

Future agenda items: Discuss Senior Tax Workoff program and equipment inventory.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Minutes reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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John Skrip

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Alice Boyd

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Mark Newman