

Selectmen's minutes of meeting August 28, 2017

Members present: John Skrip, Alice Boyd (via Skype), Mark Newman, Bob O'Brien, road super., Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

John announced that Alice is participating by remote via Skype.

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

John opened the public hearing for Kevin Kiwak DBA Knodding Head School. The public hearing notice was sent to all abutters, abutting towns and town boards as well as the town's website and posted around town. Kevin gave a background of his woodworking experience. He handed out a proposal for the handcrafting school. The school will offer classes in woodworking, basket weaving, spinning and knitting, stone wall building and blacksmithing without the use of power tools. They will use composting toilets, solar powered pumps and use local materials. Classes will be small, 6 to 8 students. Classes will vary from one day to one week. They will use trees as a screen for the parking area. Kevin presented a slideshow presentation.

Discussed students staying over night, they are not offering this option at this time. They have discussed possibly using a local bed and breakfast to house the students over night. Discussed the driveway, it is large enough for emergency vehicles to access and turn around.

Motion by Alice, second by Mark to approve the special permit.

Roll call vote to approve the special permit; Alice, yes, John, yes, Mark, yes.

Dolores reviewed the 20 day appeal period.

Bob provided highway department updates. All States starts Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 on Town Hill, West St., to South Sandisfield Rd. the oil and stone process on S. Sandisfield will take about a month.

Truck bid all set, the truck is being delivered tomorrow. They are demoing a new excavator. Fall grading has started, they are starting on Cronk Rd.

Discussed Kinder Morgan. They may be receptive to helping repair Cold Spring Road.

They continue to work on inventory for disposal of equipment. Bridge update, we will need more money. The bid is over budget. Bridgework must start this year in order to meet the grant deadline of June 30, 2018.

Bridgette Ruthman and David Hubbard in to discuss Dodd Road. David presented pictures from the blacktop to the dirt road. The road starts out 17 feet wide and decreases to 7 feet wide past Ivan Fiddelke to Bridgettes. This past winter the highway did not plow past Ivan's to Bridgette's. Past Bridgette's the road is no longer passable. David is claiming that the grader caused a furrow which blocked the water from flowing and it all collects at his driveway. David reviewed a discussion from 2017 regarding the cost of a road culvert of \$30,000. The town administrator at that time told him he would have to pay for the culvert. That is not what David wants. He wants the ditches cleaned and the addition of riprap. David feels the highway doesn't go down the road

because it is too narrow. They want the road to be brought up to state specs. At this time John would like to table this for 2 weeks. The selectmen will have an answer then. David discussed a tort law regarding the wantless disregard to public safety. Bridgette stated that she has lived there since 2004 and cannot respond to calls as an EMT because the road is not properly maintained. She also discussed the lack of vegetation cut this year. We will meet in 2 weeks to discuss.

Discussed the selectmen's meeting schedule. In September we will meet the 3rd and 4th week. After that we will meet the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weeks of the month and also as needed.

Selectmen's updates: Thursday there is a meeting with Frontier. Mark continues to work on inventory, the fence extension at the transfer station is complete.

Alice continues to work on broadband. She will continue to work on broadband as a volunteer.

Bonnie, Town Custodian in to discuss the black mold that is present at the Old Town Hall. The gutters are causing water to back up into the door frame causing the mold. The selectmen directed Bob to follow up with the gutter company that will be working on the Library.

Discussed the status of the new town administrator, we should have an answer by tomorrow.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Minutes reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman