Selectmen's minutes of meeting September 18, 2017

Members present: John Skrip, Mark Newman, Bob O'Brien, Road Sup.,

Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

John announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Bob provided highway department updates. Town Hill Road and the first part of West Street are complete except for some cleanup. They are holding off with the second half of West Street and S. Sandisfield Rd. They may hold off until spring due to cold weather coming. Discussed the cemetery driveway. Bob will follow up with Ben Campetti. Discussed where to store the stone pills for West St. and S. Sandisfield Rd. Victor Hryckvich has given permission to store it on his property on Route 8.

The DCR is having Kinder Morgan crush the windrows. They have offered the final product to the town for free. They will also deliver the fill. Bob would like to put it at Yanner Park. All agreed to allow the fill to be piled at the park. He will also place some at the Cemetery. Kinder Morgan has agreed to oil and stone Cold Spring Road when they are done. Bob will stay on top of this. John addressed riprap used in abutting towns. Discussed Miller Petroleum and the gas reading program. Bob responded that Bruce Miller spent the day there today and explained that they need a program that will read the results.

Anina Carr asked about the decision to oil and stone Town Hill Road instead of paving it. All responded that it was because of the cost difference. Paving is much more expensive.

Anina asked about the pot holes on the paved portion of South Beech Plain Rd. Bob responded that he will fill the potholes and address the paved part in the spring. They will be working on West Hubbard and Route 183 next.

Reviewed and signed all the documents for the Knodding Head School since the 20 day appeal period has passed with no appeals filed.

Discussed bulky waste. We will have containers from Sept. 30 to Oct. 8. Ralph and John will look into a tire collection.

Motion by Mark, second by John to keep the annual business license fee at \$40.00.

Discussed dump sticker fees. Mark would like to increase the fee to perhaps pay for a paper compactor. The compactor will allow a lot less pickup fees. Motion by Mark, second by John to increase the Dump Sticker Fees to \$60.00 per household.

We will continue to use the round stickers we currently use.

Discussed the problem that continues with people using the dump without the sticker.

Mark will follow up on this.

John provided selectmen's updates. He continues to work with Frontier on broadband negotiations. He continues to work on the funding of the Rugg Bridge.

Anina Carr asked about the gutters for the Library, she is upset this is taking so long. Bob will follow up on this.

Discussed the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 1 is re allocating funds, no increase or decrease to allow us to pay for the Interim Town Administrator.

Article 2 will fund for the 40 hours the Town Accountant needs to close the books. It also funds for the consultant to help close the books.

Article 3 increases the salary for the Tax Collector/Treasurer and her Assistant. It will allow them the time needed to close the books.

Article 4 is for the annual service fee of \$1,500 per contract for the web site maintenance that was left out of the budget process.

Article 5 is for the tech support fee of \$3,500 per contract that was left out of the budget process. Article 6 is to address the funding for the Rugg Bridge. Discussion followed. John will meet with the interim town administrator regarding the wording of the article.

We will place the special town meeting warrant on next weeks agenda to review, vote and sign.

Mail reviewed
Warrants reviewed and signed
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
John Skrip
Mark Newman