

Selectmen's minutes of meeting September 25, 2017

Members present: John Skrip, Mark Newman, Bob O'Brien, Road Superintendent,
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

John announced that the meeting is being recorded.

The public hearing for the Tax Classification Hearing was opened with representatives from the Board of Assessors Bethany Perry, Steve Kopiec and Jackie Bitso. Bethany explained the process and explained that the selectmen will vote tonight but not sign the documents to set the tax rate at this time. Motion by John, second by Mark to remain as a residential factor of one, no change in the tax classification.

Hearing closed at 7:05

Reviewed and signed the Budget Conservatively letter to the DOR.

Bob provided highway department updates. The excavator bids were opened. The low bid was \$68,322. It came in approx. \$7,000 under budget. Grading continues. They are mowing the sides of the roads. He called in Ed Riiska to help get them caught up. Work on Dodd Road started on this date.

John asked for the equipment disposal list, Bob will have it ready tomorrow.

June Keener Wink in to discuss the retaining wall on the state side of the Buck River by her property. She has contacted Bob in the past and would like to know what has been done. She described the trees that are falling into the river and the rocks that are slipping into the river from the retaining wall which is slowing the flow of the water. She wants to avoid a possible flooding issue. Bob reviewed that the retaining wall was built mid 1980's. He believes the state built it. John directed Bob to attend the next Conservation Commission meeting to review this situation with them and to get some direction from them.

Mark asked about the cleanup on Town Hill Road and West St. Bob responded that he is aware of the cleanup including driveway lifts, guardrails and reflectors. He has to get the balance on the Chapter 90 before continuing. He is working on it.

Ben Campetti in to discuss the cemetery. Ben acquired a quote to fix the cemetery gates that were damaged last winter. Ben explained that his family, the Campetti family, put \$15,000 towards the gates and the walls several years ago. The quote to repair them is \$8,700. He would also like some attention given to the driveway. John explained that Ralph Leavenworth will be repairing the gates. John asked Bob to attend to the junk and culverts at the cemetery. He also asked to have any top soil or fill placed at the cemetery. Ben will review all of this with the Cemetery Committee.

Bob explained that the logger at Yanner Park took out one of the piers. Bob will follow up with the logger to get this repaired.

Motion by Mark, second by John to accept the one year union contract giving a 2% increase in salary, no other changes.

Discussed dog license fees. Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko explained that since 1862 the town has only increased the fees once. In 1862 the fee for female dogs was \$5.00 and males dogs was \$2.00. Currently the town charges \$4.00 for spayed or neutered and \$10.00 if they are not spayed or neutered. Dolores took a survey of surrounding towns, most charge \$5.00 for spayed or neutered and \$15.00 if they are not. Motion by Mark, second by John to increase the dog license fees starting Jan. 1, 2018 to \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$15.00 if they are not spayed or neutered.

Discussed the special town meeting warrant for October 23, 2017. John reviewed each article. Discussion on article 6. The article will be posted as is. The motion will determine the funding source.

Motion by Mark to accept and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant for October 23, 2017, second by John.

Discussed the Selectmen's meeting schedule for October. We will not meet the first week, we will meet Tuesday, October 10, Monday, October 16, special town meeting on October 23, and on Monday, October 30.

Selectmen's updates: John continues to work with Frontier on Broadband. Mark continues to work on the transfer station.

Discussed the trees being cut throughout town by Eversource. Northern Tree Company will be by to pick up the left over debris within the next few weeks.

Anina Carr asked about the gutters for the Library, Bob has not had a response and will follow up.

Discussed the fuel reading system.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meeting
Reviewed and signed warrants
Reviewed mail
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman