

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Oct. 10, 2017

Members present: John Skrip, Mark Newman, Fred Ventresco Town Administrator, 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.

John introduced our new town administrator Fred Ventresco.

John reviewed the new agenda format. We added "follow ups" so that we don't forget to follow up on items. The "follow up" items will continue weekly until resolved.

Bob provided highway dept. updates. Town Hill and West St. are complete. They will be heading over to Route 183 for pothole patching. They were going to oil and stone S. Sandisfield but are not going to get to it this year. They started work on Dodd Rd. The new excavator has been delivered. Several people have asked to have the driveway at the town hall annex repaired. Bob will look into this. Mark asked about guardrails on Town Hill Rd. Bob responded that he will wait until after the special town meeting to see how much funding he has left in Chapter 90.

Discussed the Yanner Park building. It has been condemned by the building inspector. Bob will contact him. The hold up has been funding for the demolishing of the building. John asked about the equipment disposal list. Bob responded that he has two items and will get them to Dolores.

Discussed the Buck River retaining wall. Bob met with Mass DOT to review the status of the wall. The state does not own the wall, the town does. The wall was built around 1984. Dolores explained that when Berkshire County Government was abolished in 1998 Route 57 and Route 183 were turned over to the town. Bob explained that repairing the wall could cost up to 2 million. He will look into possible mitigation funds from FEMA if he can prove that some of the damage was caused by Hurricane Irene. Bogart Muller has been contracted by the abutting homeowner to take down 2 trees that are also a part of the problem, Bob directed him to the Conservation Commission before he starts.

Discussed Town Hill Road cleanup, Bob responded that will happen after Route 183 pothole patching.

Discussed the gates at the cemetery. Ralph Leavenworth is repairing them at this time.

Discussed gutters for the library and old town hall. Bob has contact Al Smith Gutters and they are doing a site visit latter this week to measure and provide a quote.

Motion by Mark, second by John to accept the letter of resignation from Sean Carr from the Conservation Commission.

Selectmen's updates:

John continues to work on broadband negotiations. He has been spending a lot of time with Fred the new town administrator.

Mark continues to work on the transfer station.

John Burrows asked for a copy of the town's audit. John responded that it is still in draft form at is not a public document at this time.

Nina Carr asked about increasing police surveillance on the usage of the Route 57 bridge. She stated that oversized trucks are still going over the bridge. John asked Bob to follow up on this.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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John Skrip

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Mark Newman