

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting November 13, 2017

Members present: John Skrip, Mark Newman, Fred Ventresco, Bob O'Brien, Rd. Sup., Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting is being recorded

Bob provided Highway Dept. updates:

They are completing patchwork on Route 183 and S. Beech Plain Rd.

Grading is complete on Sears and Clark Roads.

They will work on potholes on River Rd., Cold Spring Rd., Route 57 and S. Beech Plain Rd.

Update on Cold Spring Rd., Bob spoke with Tim Brown from Hinckles and McCoy on Saturday, they will do temporary patching on Cold Spring Rd. Terry from Kinder Morgan public relations will meet with Hinckles and McCoy on Wednesday to decide what will happen on Cold Spring Rd.

Bob will impress upon them that it is in their contract to fix the road.

Discussed gutters for the Library and Old Town Hall. Dolores mailed the contract to the contractor but we have not heard from them with a date.

Discussed the cemetery gates, they are waiting for a rainy day to work on it. Kathy Burrows pointed out that both gates were damaged. Bob will check on it.

The dumpster is at Yanner Park.

Discussed the protocol for opening town buildings during bad weather. We will follow the same closing schedule as the school.

Discussed the logs on the side of the road, they are currently being picked up.

Discussed the logging project on Cronk Rd. They are causing damage to the road. Bob has met with the logger and they will be adding 4 loads of gravel to the damaged areas. Ralph commented that in the current condition of the road he would not be able to get any emergency vehicles down it.

Motion by Mark, second by John to appoint Stephan Harasyko to the Conservation Commission.

Motion by Mark, second by John to regretfully accept the letter of resignation from Donald Peet from the Historical Commission.

Selectmen's updates:

Mark reviewed the results of the transfer station and old land fill inspection. Both inspections have failed. Fred suggested having an environmental engineer review it. The transfer station is reasonably clean. Per the inspection we need to clean up the bank and remove the debris, tires, batteries and old refrigerators. Nina Carr suggested building a lean to over the compactor. She will contact the Boy Scouts to see if they would be interested in doing this for community service. Discuss the bottle and can collection the boy scouts have, it needs to be contained better.

Mark followed up on a grant for the cardboard compactor. The grant would provide 80 hours of consultant work. Fred will assist in writing the grant.

John continues to work on the gas reading problem. He has contacted another company and they will meet to come up with a program that works.

He continues to work on shared services for fire, police, ambulance and highway department equipment with surrounding towns and Fairview Hospital. He has discussed these issues with Smitty Pignatelli and Fairview Hospital.

John continues to work on broadband. We are at a point where there are some serious issues. There will be a town meeting to explain the whole process before signing on.

He has met with the finance committee and Fred to review the upcoming FY2019 budget process. The process will be extremely transparent with detailed submissions. There will be one meeting with department heads once budgets are submitted to the town administrator. Nina Carr suggested to respect the department heads and not make the process so onerous. Ron Bernard explained that this process is a short term fix. He reviewed the process he went through last year with the Historical Commission and stated that due to that process he would never consider coming back. John commented that at this time the school budget is \$176,000 lower than last year. We did not get the van grant, we will reapply.

Discussed the all boards meeting.

The audit review meeting is tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Town administrator updates:

Fred is following up on attention grabbing signage for Route 8. He has a draft to submit an official request. They want the traffic to slow down. Fred will also address the Jake Break issue.

Fred will work with the Planning Board for better bylaws regarding mobile homes and campers. The state will not get involved in the squatter issues unless there are major septic issues. Victor Hryckvich will make a site visit to each property with campers that people are living in. Assessor Kathy Burrows suggested using their Mayflower representative to make a site visit and place a value on the properties.

Discussed Energy Aggregation. Fred has already signed the agreement. The rate will be a little higher since we waited until the fall, he stated we would get a better rate in the spring. The supplier is still Verdi at a rate of .09997.

Discussed solar energy. John is going to review the deed for Yanner Park to see if we can use the park for solar. Kathy Burrows suggested using the back side of the Sandisfield Center Cemetery which is on Silverbrook Road.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Minutes reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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John Skrip

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Mark Newman