

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Dec. 18, 2017

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting is being recorded

Highway Department updates:

The Ford F350 should be ready by next Tuesday, damaged from the fire.

The Town of Sudbury has dropped of a loaner F350 for the winter including plow and sander.

The Town of Quincy is offering three large trucks with sanders and plows for free. Their mayor is approving this today.

The Town of Nedham is bringing out a F550 for \$1.00 also with plow and sander.

The Dodge will be ready in the morning.

The Town of Lee is also loaning us a vehicle to for the season.

Mark asked Bob to keep a detailed list of all the offers of help and donations.

Discussed the insurance check for incidentals.

Discussed a temporary building.

The Yanner Park building is down.

Discussed the Public Information Officer position. Dolores and John Burrows reviewed the position. The Selectmen will table the discussion for now.

Gary Bottoms chair of the Planning Board in to present the Solar Bylaw for a vote by the Selectmen.

The Selectmen will review and vote at their next meeting which will be Dec. 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussed the MMA convention. Fred, Dawn and Terry would like to go. Selectmen approved as long as it is in their budgets.

Selectmen's updates:

John reviewed the fantastic response to the fire and all the generous offers of help from surrounding communities.

Broadband update, John discussed with Smitty Pignatelli, Frontier is not a dead issue. Jean Atwater William stated that Wired West is still a viable option except that Sandisfield Selectmen voted to opt out of Wired West. They are still an active company and would welcome Sandisfield back.

Town Administrator updates:

The letter for the Route 8 signs should be going out this week.

Ralph asked for clarification on the signs, Fred responded they are not new speed limit signs, but signs to slow down .

Discussed the surplus equipment, we will hold off for now.

Discussed future agenda items. Nina Carr asked who is responsible for the cardboard compactor grant. Mark responded that he is working on this and has a meeting in January.

Discussed squatters, it is with the Board of Health.

Bridgette Ruthman asked about the tax bills. The bills are showing penalties and interest. John responded that there was a computer error and to ignore the penalties and interest.

The Treasurer/Tax Collector has decided not to re issue the bills. They will reimburse for any overpayments. Simon Winchester from the Sandisfield Times will issue a statement regarding the taxes in the Times that will go out in the morning.

Kathy Burrows also stated that there was no return address on the tax bills.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Minutes reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman