

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting Jan. 9, 2018

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: Bob stated that the glass will be in for the F350 tomorrow. There are some repairs needed for the donated vehicles. All set with salt and sand. The state is all done with helping out with the plowing.

Lisa Leavenworth questioned the status of vehicles. Bob responded that we have 2 big and 2 little trucks all with plows and sanders. Lisa explained that she lost a half days pay because the roads were not plowed. She cannot deliver the mail if the roads are not plowed. John Skrip explained that the insurance process has not determined the cost of the fire so we don't have insurance funds. Joe Gelinas responded that he feels we need to figure out where we want to be in 5 to 10 years with the proper building and equipment. The finance committee has some ideas they are working on. Some are to get road software for analysis and having better job descriptions for the highway department. They don't understand why the highway employees have to do any building maintenance. Dolores explained that about 15 years ago the selectmen added a fifth highway department employee who would be responsible for small repair jobs throughout the town buildings. Lisa questioned why Bob O'Brien plowed out the Town Administrator's driveway on town time in a town truck. Bob said he was told to do it because Fred Ventresco had to attend a meeting. John asked Fred if he had a private contractor to do this, Fred responded that he hired P & R Construction. John said to make sure he calls them in the future.

Dawn Lemon, Town Accountant in to provide a financial update. Free Cash should be between \$600,000 and \$700,000. Dawn explained the negative free cash reason. Lisa Leavenworth, former tax collector, stated that all deposits were made before she left.

Joe Gelinas reviewed the departments that have not passed in their budget to date. Fred reviewed the letter and email process he has used to contact everyone. Dolores suggested a phone call to find out if the departments or committees need help with the new budget process. The Selectmen have set a deadline of Feb. 5 for budget submissions after which the selectmen will take over and set the budgets for the non respondents.

Discussed the Assessors part time position. The Selectmen will wait until the Assessors have submitted their budget.

Fred announced that the Finance Committee is seeking a secretary.

Selectmen's updates;

John reviewed the fire insurance claim updates.

The state is still trying to revive broadband. We are no longer spending money on it.

Bylaw changes regarding Solar was approved by the Planning Board on Jan.9, 2018

Mark continues to work on the landfill and transfer station problems. They had to reschedule their meeting due to weather. Mark was able to get an extension on the landfill cleaning deadline. Discussed having the highway department do some of the landfill cleanup otherwise the cost will be much higher.

Town Administrator updates;

Fred continues to work on budgets.

Joe Gelinas suggested a call to each department or committee and offer to help them complete their budgets.

Discussed air quality issues at the Town Hall Annex. There is an air quality inspector coming out on Friday.

Discussed selectmen's meetings while John Skrip is on vacation. He will be back Feb. 2, 2018. He will participate by remote.

Motion by Mark, second by John to appoint Laurie Folke Green to the Cemetery Committee.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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John Skrip

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Mark Newman