

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Feb. 12, 2018

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

Called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Bob provided Highway Dept. updates:

They dealt with snow, freezing rain and ice. They fixed some potholes on River Road. Will continue with the potholes once they get more cold patch. Mark suggested using a blower to clean out the potholes first. Bob agreed.

They blew a hose on one truck, another needs the turbo to be fixed. John directed Bob to get a quote from Prifty in Southwick for working on the vehicles. John asked Bob to get quotes for truck repairs. Bonnie O'Brien asked if we are replacing the Western Star which was the new truck that burned in the fire. John responded that they are forming a committee to look into the trucks.

Motion by Mark, second by John to appoint the following members to the DPW/Highway Dept. Committee, Bob O'Brien, Mark Newman, Tom Jacobs, Brian O'Rourke and Joe Gelinas.

Brian asked by the committee went from 7 members to 5, John responded that it was for simplicity. Meetings will be posted and minutes recorded.

Selectmen's updates:

John continues to work on Broadband. Continues to work on shared services with regards to fire and ambulance. Meetings are held at Fairview Hospital. They are looking into creating districts.

Mark met with the insurance adjuster regarding the highway department fire. They are working on getting an office trailer. Bob is following up with Smitty Pignatelli on this.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred is working on the transfer station grant.

Continues to work on budgets.

Charlie Pease asked about budget submissions. Fred responded that most if not all are in. The selectmen and finance committee will meet with all boards in March.

John asked Fred for the personnel policy and asked that it be on a disc so that it can be edited.

Discussed future agenda items. Mark wants a letter drafted to the Yanner Park loggers regarding the liability on cutting wood on public property.

We are closed next Monday, the meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Bonnie O'Brien asked if the selectmen had hired anyone to help out in the Assessors office. John responded that they have reposted the job.

Brian O'Rourke expressed his concerns that the dump needs more sanding between boxes and by the shed. Bob responded that he leaves a bucket of sand for the attendant.

Discussed the results of the air quality test at the town hall annex. Fred will follow up with the necessary repairs.

Fred is following up with Eversource on an energy audit.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman