

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Feb. 26, 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 Dept. updates: They have been dealing with extreme weather changes, snow, freezing rain. The dirt roads are soft and it's difficult to get stone delivered as it is in high demand. Bob looked at a Freightliner truck to replace the one lost in the fire. He has been in touch with the insurance company. The cost will be approx. \$190,000, this is covered by insurance and replaces the Western Star. Mark asked about pot hole patching throughout town, Bob responded that they are working on it. Discussed the large pothole in front of Yanner Park. Bob will follow up on it, it is probably related to the logging job. Mark made a recommendation from the DPW/Highway Committee that they look into hiring an outside roadside mechanic to work on the large equipment. Brian O'Rourke also a member of this committee brought up the bidding process. We do have to get 3 quotes. Bob and Fred will look into this.

Nina Carr discussed the drainage at the Community Center. It is working fine but she noticed the back door is rotting at the bottom and needs to be replaced. She also commented on the fact that we still do not have gutters. She asked about the playground equipment donated by the school which needs to be taken down at the school and placed at the Community Center. Bob said he will work on this when he has the time. Nina asked to have the play scape supported at the base, Bob will take care of this.

Discussed the energy audit, Fred will schedule it.

Joe Bianci head of the Route 57 bridge project reported to Bob that most beams will stay in place. Savings should be around \$180,000. This could be used to offset the cost of the bridge painting.

Selectmen updates:

John called the department that handles all lakes to discuss York Lake. They responded that the Commonwealth does not have the money to open the restrooms. John proposed that the town will take on the responsibility of opening and maintaining the bathrooms. John will follow up. Nina Carr will draft a letter to the DCR for the selectmen to sign. Fred will contact the Town of New Marlborough to work on this together. John continues to work of Broadband. Mark continues to work on the transfer station.

Discussed dump stickers. The transfer station attendant explained that there are still a lot of people dumping without the sticker. Dolores explained that they just sent out second notices and suggested giving the attendant some help. We have policies in place and perhaps a police presence will help. The selectmen will discuss this with the police department.

Discussed next weeks meeting schedule. There will not be a regular meeting on Monday. There are budget meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Fred followed up on Yanner Park logging. No one will be allowed on the property to pick up firewood other than the logger. The logger has limited insurance that does not cover other parties.

Dolores read aloud the Ethics Disclosure from Ralph Morrison as Fire Chief, Asst. Police Chief and owner of A & M Auto which does business with the town. The Selectmen cannot vote on it at this meeting as it was not on the agenda.

Mail reviewed
Warrants reviewed and signed
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman