

Selectmen's minutes of meeting March 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 department updates:

Discussed the Quincy trucks, the mobile repair service came out to work on them. One has a blown charge cooler for the turbo charge. The radiators are gone on all the trucks. Hoses need to be replaced. They will look into putting 2 trucks together out of the 3 trucks. There are problems with the small sander, they are fabricating in house. There are mud problems on Roberts, Sears and Viets Road. Brian O'Rourke asked about the rest of West St., Bob responded they should be finishing it in May.

John Burrows asked about the top coat for New Hartford Road. There is money left to chip seal the top coat. He will address problem areas first.

Discussed Route 57, Bob has put it on the Tip Grant list for 2019.

Nina Carr reminded Bob about some tree problems, one by the old cemetery and the willow tree across from the Silverbrook. He will have John Field look into them.

Discussed the special permit for the non-conforming sign at the SARC center. It is only to replace the sign they already have there, no change in size or lighting. They did not have a special permit prior. The Planning Board has reviewed it and are fine with it. Motion by John, second by Mark to approve the special permit for the sign.

Discussed the FY2019 budget process. John reviewed the process to date. We are well below the levy limit. We did not have to cut any services. Moving forward the process will improve. We will have a meeting to review the process sometime in June.

Fred reviewed the new warrant format. Nina suggested putting an article in the Sandisfield Times explaining the changes.

Dawn commended the finance committee for all their work on the budget.

Fred reviewed the process of applying for the Green Community Grant.

Brian O'Rourke asked about the energy audit, Fred responded that he is working on it.

Selectmen updates:

They have been mostly working on budgets. Bob will follow up on the light at Yanner Park. Phone bills are still a problem, Fred is working on them. He feels we should be able to eliminate some numbers. John continues to work on Broadband. They are looking into Crocker Communications. Discussed the insurance claim from the highway garage fire. We are looking to rebuild a 3400 square foot building with 4 bays.

On April 26 Lt. Gov. Polito is coming for a visit.

Nina Carr explained the problems the COA is having with the door downstairs. Fred is looking into replacing some doors.

Town administrator updates:

Fred continues to work on budgets, the warrant and grant work.

Mark asked about gutters, Fred responded they should be here in April. Brian O'Rourke suggested getting an install date.

Discussed outside lighting.

John reminded Fred about the Senior Van grant.

John Burrows asked about the follow up to the town's audit. We will be following up with a review audit.

Ann Wald asked about elderly housing, John has attended a meeting on it. They have not done a senior housing grant yet. Ann would like to be involved in the process.

Ron Pachulski asked about the clothing box at the transfer station. Fred will send a formal letter to have it removed.

Reviewed and signed warrants

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings

Reviewed mail

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman