

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 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 Dept. updates:

Friday they worked on culvert problems on Roberts Road and West Hubbard Road. The Dodge is back and the Ford is out being repaired for damage resulting from the fire. Should be back in two weeks. The steel has been delivered for the Route 57 bridge.

Larry Dwyer asked about Shade Road, it is very rough. Bob responded that it is a swampy area and it has been worn down over the last 30 years.

Discussed the bidding process for the truck bed replacement.

Discussed the cost of steel for the bridge and the cost of reimbursement for the scrape metal from the bridge. Bob is following up on this. Discussed the railings for the bridge, the engineer missed them in the original bid. Brian O'Rourke asked about the bridge decking, Bob responded that they added steel plates to raise it to where it needs to be.

Fred reviewed the Fy2019 budget. The total budget is \$3,316,925 of which \$3,178,853 will be raise and appropriate at the town meeting. Overall it is a \$26,000 increase over last year. Well below the levy limit by \$130,000. Nina Carr suggested a pre-budget meeting to review all the changes. Discussion followed.

Motion by John, second by Mark to accept and sign the Fiscal Year 2019 Warrant.

Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the letter of resignation from John Kuzmech from the Cemetery Committee.

Motion by John, second by Mark to appoint Stephan Harasyko to the Cemetery Committee.

Selectmen's updates:

John continues to work on the usage of York Lake. He does not want any liabilities or to be responsible for water testing. He wants the state to continue water monitoring, mowing and restroom maintenance. He has had confirmation from Commission Roy and Smitty Pignatelli that the state does not have money to open York Lake. Discussion followed. Mark suggested using the Senior Tax Workoff program for maintenance work and restroom upkeep.

John continues to work on broadband. John reiterated that Crocker offered the best deal with no penalties for withdrawal.

Kathy Burrows asked about the culverts at the cemetery, Ron Pachulski will continue to look into having them removed.

Fred continues to work on the Green Community and Energy Audit. He is suggesting we wait on the audit since an energy audit will have to be done for the Green Community.

Discussed lights at the town hall annex, Fred has a call in to the electrician to fix them.

Dolores explained the problems with her computer. Our technology consultant reviewed the problems and strongly suggests she replace it right away. She does have the money in her budget since she is not printing as many annual town reports. The selectmen gave her permission to replace her computer.

Barbara Cormier asked Fred what he has accomplished so far as town administrator. Fred responded he works on assignments from the selectboard, has gotten extra signage for Route 8, budget work, remediation on the transfer station and violations, continuing the work on the personnel policy, insurance issues. He does not have a contract with the town at this time.

Discussed the clothing bin at the transfer station, John said to send a certified letter to have the bin removed.

Nina discussed the playgroup at the Community Center. She has had a great turnout. The events held there for crafts and the Easter Egg hunt had a large turnout. This has resulted in more cleaning required at the Community Center. Nina would like the town to purchase a new vacuum cleaner. Permission given by the selectboard.

George Riley asked about holding a meet the candidates meeting at the Old Town Hall on an evening. Barbara Cormier responded that the COA was holding one during the day and will also sponsor one at night. She will work with George on this for May 5.

Reviewed and signed warrants

Reviewed mail

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman