

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 23, 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:

They started ditch work on South Sandisfield Road. They met with Allstates regarding the work on West Street and S. Sandisfield Road, they will be starting the job May 3. Bob met with Hinckles and McCoy, Allstates and Joe Clark regarding Cold Spring Road. Kinder Morgan is splitting the cost of the job with Hinckles and McCoy. Bob is hoping for it all to be blacktopped. Should know by the beginning of next week.

The fire insurance claim is moving along.

New trucks won't be ready until November 2018.

Larry Dwyer asked for a follow up on Shade Road, Bob responded that they are working on it.

Tom O'Gara from Shade Road present to explain how difficult it was for him this winter. Due to the conditions of the road he was unable to get fuel delivered to his house and had to carry it in himself. Nicholas Crofut Brittingham is trying to build a house on Shade Road and was also not able to get to his property with building materials. John directed Bob to get in touch with the conservation commission to discuss Shade Road.

They are putting in the black top approaches to the Route 57 bridge. We are doing this in house and saving a lot of money. The decking should be here by the end of this week. There should be enough savings to offset the painting of the bridge.

The F350 is still out for repairs.

Pot hole patching continues.

John would like to remove the lights on River Road at the end of this month. Charles Pease does not agree, he travels that road everyday and feels it is a serious safety hazard. All agreed to leave the lights for one more month.

York Lake update:

John discussed the opening and maintenance of the restrooms with the town of New Marlborough. They are willing to split the cost. Nina Carr would like a job description for the maintenance. Bonnie O'Brien asked about the funding for the maintenance. John feels strongly that we will find the funding, possibly from the reserve fund. John will ask for reimbursement from the DCR at the end of the season for the maintenance.

John continues to work with Crocker for broadband.

Discussed the FY2019 budget, John in confident that there will not be a tax increase.

Discussed the Stabilization accounts, \$10,000 cemetery, \$40,000 Yanner Park, \$76,000 Capitol Improvements.

Mark continues to work on the transfer station issues.

The selectmen are working on the union contract negotiations.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred was able to get the clothing box at the transfer station emptied but we still want it completely removed.

He continues to work on the compactor grant, the Green Community grant and the van grant.

On May 7 there will be volunteers from the Berkshire House of Corrections cleaning up the roadside on Route 57 and the transfer station.

Discussed the Minery property on Cold Spring Road that was once used as a dump. For clarification the town does not own this property.

Assessor Chair Bethany Perry in to question why Fred never applied for a \$200,000 grant on behalf of the assessors. Fred responded that we were not prepared for it. Bethany responded that the state would have helped with the application process. The grant was 100%, the town did not have to match it. John would like to be notified of all grants ahead of time. Jackie responded that she hand delivered it to Fred and has followed up several times. Jackie followed up with the state and Sandisfield was not on the list. John will follow up with the state, perhaps we can still get in on the grant.

Discussed camping bylaws. The selectmen are working on it with the building inspector, board of health, wiring inspector, plumbing inspector and police.

Barbara Cormier explained the process of going through the planning board regarding bylaws and complaints.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Minutes reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman