

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 30, 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 continue to prepare South Sandisfield Road, working on ditches and culverts. Doing shoulder work on West St. The insurance company is coming out tomorrow to pull the burned vehicles out of the building. Then the company that will be rebuilding the highway garage will be out at the end of the week. Bob met with Hinckles and McCoy, they are on board with whatever we want to fix Cold Spring Road. Still have to confirm with Kinder Morgan on the process.

The selectmen thanked the highway department for their work on the Route 57 bridge. By doing this work they saved a substantial amount of money.

Larry Dwyer asked for an update on dirt roads. Bob responded that from the meeting with the Lt. Governor there are grants available for dirt roads. He will be applying for them. There is also a grant for larger infrastructure work.

John reviewed the procedure of the annual town meeting. Discussed the warrant changes. An explanation of the changes was mailed with the warrant, posted on the website and printed in the Sandisfield Times. We will all meet after the town meeting to discuss the budget process and ways to improve it.

Fred explained the vote to accept the change in the health insurance carrier. Berkshire County Insurance Group is dissolving and Berkshire Health Group will take over.

Motion by Mark, second by John to approve the move to Berkshire Health Group.

John provided an update on York Lake. The DCR likes our proposal to open York Lake with the town maintaining the restrooms. The state will continue to check water quality and mow the property. There may be a problem with who employees the people that will maintain the restroom.

Reviewed the meeting with the Lt. Governor. We discussed repaving Route 57, broadband, grants for the highway dept. and the library, discussed emt's and volunteer positions. There are grants available to assist with dirt road maintenance.

Steve Rubenstein asked about grants, who is responsible for applying for them and who oversees them. John responded that the town administrator is the person in charge of searching for and following up on grants along with the department head. Bob responded that he is signed up for grant alerts. Barbara Cormier asked if Fred has extensive grant writing experience, he responded that he does have some regarding smaller towns. He is more focused on administration and personnel.

Town Administrator updates:

He continues to work on electrical problems at the transfer station. The meter needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

The gutters at the library are done.

Discussed the gutters at the Old Town Hall, we are doing the back only.

Future agenda items:

Set up a schedule for bulky waste.

Discussed bylaws for campers and trailers. Alex Bowman asked who to make the complaint to, John responded to bring it to the selectmen's staff.

Discussed meetings for the month on May. Next week we will meet at 5:00 instead of 7:00. Then regular Monday meetings except for the week of Memorial day, we will meet on Tuesday that week.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Minutes reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

John Skrip

Mark Newman