Selectmen's minutes of meeting August 22, 2016

Members present: Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Bob O'Brien, Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Alice Boyd

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Tarasuk in to present the logging bid results. He received five bids as follows: Hull Forest Products \$26,462.92, Gary Pease \$25,377.02, Lower Berkshire \$23,856, Bill Riiska \$28,911 and Bob Beham \$21,005. Bob recommended going with the highest bidder Bill Riiska. Bob reviewed the layout and the landing. The payment to the town will be 50% down within one week of awarding the bid and the remainder due on or before Sept. 30, 2016. Motion by John, second by Jeff to award the bid to Bill Riiska. Bob will contact Bill Riiska.

Reviewed a letter from former tax collector Edna Leavenworth requesting permission for a journal entry. The letter will allow the treasurers office to make a journal entry. Permission given and the letter signed by the selectmen.

Bob provided highway dept. updates. They mowed the upper cemetery, cut brush on Dodd and Sage Roads, replaced street signs. John asked about the army trucks for snow plowing. Bob explained that the trucks do not have body frames strong enough to support snow plows. The trucks cannot be retrofitted for plows and therefore are not usable.

Discussed departments acquiring equipment without prior approval from the selectmen. Dolores explained that this came up several years ago when the Osh Kosh was acquired. At that time the selectmen directed all departments to obtain permission before acquiring equipment. We will place this on the agenda to discuss next week, Dolores will research the minutes. John asked Bob about the damaged truck from last February. Bob stated that he spoke with the repair company on this date and the truck will be ready on Friday.

Discussed the paved portion of South Beech Plain Rd. Bob would like to do an FDR on it next year.

Motion by Jeff, second by John to appoint Fred Swartz to the Technology Committee.

Reviewed and signed a one day all alcohol license for the American Legion.

Warrants reviewed and signed
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m
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Jeff Gray
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John Skrip