

Selectmen's minutes of meeting May 21, 2018

Members present: Mark Newman, George Riley, Bob O'Brien, Fred Ventresco,
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Members absent: Brian O'Rourke

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting is being recorded

We welcomed the new selectmen.

Highway Dept. updates: They continue to work on South Sandisfield Road, putting in new culverts, ditch work. The reclaim should start the first week of June, it will start on S. Sandisfield and move to West St. The work on Cold Spring Road will start the first week of July.

The Route 57 bridge should be complete by Friday. The second coat of binder, guard rails and seams to be completed by Thursday, then black top and should be open by Friday. The painting will be done as long as they use state approved paint, this should take approx. 3 weeks.

The new highway garage building is being delivered the first week of June. Bob doesn't feel conservation is an issue and does not think an NOI is needed. Fred has a different opinion. They are working with the state. The new building is going to be larger by 15 feet all around. He is pretty sure they are grandfathered as far as the river setbacks.

Grading continues on the dirt roads. Barbara Cormier would like to see more highway employees. The grading should be a 3 man job not a one man job. She did say that David did a good job for being a one man job. Nina Carr suggested that the highway superintendent attend a class on dirt road maintenance with Berkshire Regional Planning Comm.

Steve Rubenstein asked about the potholes on Town Hill Road where the sides of the road fell in, Bob responded that the company that did the work is coming back out to do repairs. He is meeting with the Conservation Commission. Discussed the yard at the town hall/garage. They will have it reasonably cleaned up for the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion by Mark, second by George to table item #2 on the agenda.

Discussed the building repair committee. Ralph Morrison, Terry Spohnholz and Barbara Cormier are interested in being appointed to the committee. Discussed the job of the committee. Mark explained that we are going to replace 6 doors first. Discussed the energy audit, Fred responded that he is holding off since we are pursuing the Green Community and they will require an energy audit. Motion by Mark, second by George to nominate Ralph Morrison, Barbara Cormier and Terry Spohnholz to the Building Repair Committee, passed unanimously. All agreed that there should be a scope of the committees purpose.

Discussed the bulky waste collection. We will hold the collection from June 2 to June 10. Dolores will contact the Master Garbologist to set it up.

Discussed the summer schedule for Selectmen's meetings. We will meet every week in June and then July 9, July 23, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27, 2018 and then back to regular weekly meetings.

Discussed holding and Open Meeting Law class. Dolores has contacted Koppleman and Paige, they would be happy to come out and suggested inviting a few surrounding towns. We will try for Aug. 6.

Motion by Mark, second by George to sign a letter of support for the Berkshire Regional Planning Comm. regarding Economic Development.

Selectmen's updates: Mark continues to work on the transfer station issues and the compactor grant. Ralph asked for an update on Broadband. He suggested having Jeff Bye come in to provide an update. Dolores will contact him. Fred will follow up with John Skrip on an update on York Lake. Nina Carr met with Smitty Pignatelli regarding York Lake. She suggested one of the selectmen get in touch with him regarding the restrooms at York Lake. Mark directed Fred to contact Smitty Pignatelli.

Town Administrator updates: Fred continues to work on highway garage insurance issues, the compactor and swap house grant for the transfer station, the van grant, estimates for door replacements and the Complete Streets items.

Ralph planted a new Christmas tree at Wilbur Park. Timmy Deming provided the excavator to plant it.

Bob O'Brien met with the State Police corrections officer, inmates make many items at a very low price such as picnic tables. There is a catalog available to look through.

Steve Rubenstein questioned the residency requirement for the upcoming bus trip through the recreation committee. Dawn responded that residents and tax payers of Sandisfield pay the same rate, it is \$5.00 extra for out of town people.

Mail reviewed

Minutes reviewed and signed, Town Administrator Fred Ventresco signed in lieu of John Skrip.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mark Newman

George Riley