

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting July 9, 2018

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting is being recorded

Mark explained that there will be a change in our agenda going forward. Upon reading his selectmen's handbook he discovered that meeting minutes should be reviewed and signed as the first item on the agenda.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

DPW updates:

Work has started on West St., S. Sandisfield and Town Hill Rd. The work should be done by the end of this week. All States has been in touch regarding Cold Spring Road, they should be starting the first week of August to chip seal the entire length of the road. Mark asked Bob to get this in writing.

Grading continues.

Bob discussed with the engineer the problem with the decking on the Rugg Bridge, Route 57 bridge. There is a problem with the deck joints, the seams are too tight and not deep enough, there is no room for expansion.

DPW garage building update, the clean up will start at the end of this week.

Billie Anderson Pachulski and Terri Spohnholz in representing the Community Center Committee. They gave a brief presentation of what their committee does, which is to have events supporting the community and related to the library, community center and playground. They are seeking permission from the selectboard to hold a 5K run on Cold Spring Road in September. They have already discussed with the police department who then referred them to the selectboard. There will be no cost to the town to hold this event. The theme of this event is to promote good health and community spirit. They will need to get in touch with the DCR regarding parking at Spectacle Pond. The selectmen suggested maybe closing the road or closing one lane of the road for the event and having police detail at both ends of the road. Mark suggested they get approval from the DCR first and then come back to the selectmen July 23. All selectmen agreed that this is a wonderful event and will have their blessing after the committee talks to the DCR. The selectmen also would like the police chief to come in with the committee on July 23.

Nina Carr explained that over this past weekend that there were 43 cars at York Lake. There is a porta potty there but the DCR has not kept up on the mowing. She would like the selectmen to follow up with Smitty Pignatelli and the DCR to let them know that there are so many people enjoying the lake. Fred has been in touch with the head of the DCR who stated that they will not do more than supply the porta potty.

Discussed annual appointments. Motion by Brian, second by George, passed unanimously to re appoint the following effective July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019 with the exception of the Police Chief which will be a three year appointment effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021:

Town Council	Kopelman & Paige
Chief of Police	Michael Morrison
Assistant Chief of Police	Ralph Morrison
Fire Chief	Ralph Morrison
Emergency Manage Director	John Burrows
Animal Inspector	Kim Spring
Veterans Service Director	Laurie Hils
Building Inspector	Eric Munson, Jr.
Asst. Building Inspector	Robert Sullivan
Wiring Inspector	Jay Reynolds
Asst. Wiring Inspector	Jeffrey Aloisi
Asst. Wiring Inspector	Robert Kimberley
Plumbing Inspector	Brian Middleton
Asst. Plumbing Inspector	Mark Levernoch

Discussed insurance coverage for Police & Fire Depts. Fred set up a meeting with the insurance company, police and fire depts. to review insurance coverage. We have been at minimum limits for a long time. Fred is waiting for a quote for increased limits and will have more information for the July 23 meeting.

Green Community progress: Fred reviewed that the grant is ready to submit. The cursory energy audit has been completed. The grant is the level 2 audit. Motion by Brian, second by George, passed unanimously to approve and support the Green Community Designation. Discussed the Green Team Committee, members are Nina Carr, Alex Bowman, George Riley and Larry Dwyer. They will start meeting soon. Fred suggested having one more member for a 5 member committee. Reviewed that they will need to post agendas and meetings and follow the open meeting law.

Approved and signed letter of "Thank You" to surrounding communities that helped out the the DPW fire.

Selectmen's updates:

Brian updated from the Building Repair Committee. The encumbered enough funds to replace 4 doors at the Town Hall Annex and to repair the interior stair rails. The doors have been ordered and the install and repair work will be done by Carl Codling.

Town Administrator updates:

Fred has been contacted by the Town of New Marlborough for a support letter regarding a grant for Route 57. The selectmen directed Fred to get in touch with Tolland and Granville to be included in the support since Route 57 runs through all the towns.

Discussed a call Fred got from a resident on Hammertown Road regarding the logging that is going on there. She complained that the work goes on 7 days a week and there is a lot of traffic. She would like to have a stop light in place similar to the light system that was used on River Road. The selectmen all agreed that this would not be a good idea. Bob explained that the logging is actually being done on DCR property and should be done within the next few weeks. Fred will defer her to the DCR.

Discussed future agenda items: The Community Center Committee and Recreation Committee along with the Police Chief will be back July 23 to discuss the 5K run. Bob will provide an update on the Rugg Bridge July 23.

Teresa Spohnholz discussed an issue she had at the Library for an alarm call. The alarm company called her and she responded at night to the call at the Library to find a vehicle with 3 people in it that had jimmed the door at the bottom of the building setting off the alarm. The Building Repair committee will address the door problem and repair it. We will place a deadbolt for now. The selectmen were very concerned for Terri's safety and told her not to respond to the alarm calls but to instead let the police take care of the call. Dolores explained that the police and fire departments have master keys to all the town buildings.

Discussed the overage for the Rugg Bridge. Bob said we are approximately \$320,000 over budget. Mark brought out the special town meeting held on Oct. 23, 2017 in which the voters passed to appropriate \$420,000 for the Rugg Bridge and to meet that appropriation transfer \$220,000 from Stabilization, appropriate \$100,000 from Chapter 90, and then to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to \$100,000. Bob would like to not have to use Chapter 90 funds, he would like to use that money on other roads. Dolores is concerned that the order in which it was voted has to be followed. Fred will check with Town Council. We may need to have a special town meeting to amend that vote. Brian does not think we will need to as we should be able to use the retainer funds to offset the overage. Terri as the treasurer suggested saving the cost and fees of a loan by taking the additional out of the stabilization and pay it back over a 4 year period. The selectmen thanked Terri for all her input.

Alex Bowman asked if there are any needs for the Zoning Board yet. Fred gave an update on the camper violations. Alex asked about documentation and the \$100 daily fine. Fred is working on all of this. Dolores did forward to the Zoning Board members information on a class for new members.

No updates on broadband.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Mark Newman

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley