

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Dec. 7, 2015

Members present: Alice Boyd, Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Discussed the highway superintendent and equipment operator job openings. John suggested not filling the equipment operator position. Jeff discussed this with Bobby O'Brien and agrees we can do without for now. We will go forward with the committee to review the road superintendent applications and have them make a recommendation to the Selectboard. Discussed extending the deadline for 6 months. John will contact all members of the committee and set up a meeting for next Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Discussed FY2017 budgets. Jean Atwater Williams could not be present so she reviewed budgets with Alice. Jean said she can cut the Technology Committee by \$500. Alice would like to change the town's website to Virtual Town Hall. The initial set up cost is \$4,500 and we would include this in the technology upgrade line item.

John needs a letter for the Planning Board explaining the Town's technical vision for the future. Alice will work on this.

Alice prepared a letter supporting WiredWest. She has been involved in a lot of discussion regarding MBI. Selectmen reviewed the letter and signed it.

Discussed the bid for the Sandisfield Rd property recently bid out. Dolores reviewed the legal opinion regarding the process of disposing of town property. The Selectmen do not have the authority to sell or accept land without a town vote either at the annual town meeting or at a special town meeting. We will vote this at the next special town meeting and re-bid.

Discussed the process for the town administrators job. The selectmen and Dolores will review the applications, rate them and then set up interviews.

Discussed next weeks agenda.

John has a meeting on January 20, 2016 in Tolland with State Reps. to discuss the care of Route 57. John would like all the Selectmen to attend if possible.

Alice announced that on Dec. 15, 2015 Mass Works will be here to review the Strap Grant for the Route 57 bridge.

Mail reviewed
Warrants reviewed and signed
Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Alice Boyd

Jeff Gray

John Skrip