

Selectmen's minutes of meeting and the All Boards Meeting May 11, 2015

Members present: Patrick Barrett, Jeffrey Gray, Lisa Blackmer, Steve Harasyko, Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Lisa presented the only bid received for Hammertown Road. The bid is from SARC. Bid opened by Clerk Jeff Gray. SARC will pay all legal fees to transfer the land from the town to SARC. They cannot pay for the land.

Motion by Patrick, second by Jeff to award the land to SARC.

Representatives from Colonial Power Group present to explain energy aggregation. Patrick opened by explaining the Rita Kasky had approached him regarding this issue. Lisa followed up and found this company. This is for purchasing kilowatt hours. All else is taken care of by Eversource. It is an opt out program which means every property with a meter will automatically be enrolled unless they opt out. If you are already enrolled with another company you will not be affected.

All Boards meeting called to order. Reviewed the annual town warrant. David Hubbard thanked the Selectmen for their work on the budget. Per David it started out 10% higher and is now a reasonably comfortable budget. He recognized the work put into the budget. He has a concern about the Highway Dept. truck. He reviewed how deplorable their working conditions are. They have continued to work on the garage. He feels it would be sensible to do a complete review of all the equipment and not put all the resources into the building. He feels we have a policy of running equipment until it breaks and then needs replacement. He would like a different approach. It would be silly to build a building and not afford the equipment needed. He is suggesting we roll all the new needed equipment into a bond and then follow an equipment replacement schedule. He wants to pull the new truck off the warrant. Patrick thanked him for his candor. Patrick explained that for a number of years we have indeed put new purchases off. The state has drastically reduced our funds and the cost of construction has gone up. He is concerned that when purchasing a new truck it takes about 6 months to build the truck. He agrees we need a capitol plan but supports the need for a new truck.

Patrick explained that the purpose of this all boards meeting is to streamline the annual town meeting.

Ralph Morrison would like to see the warrant condensed. Lisa and Dolores responded that this is actually a work in process now.

Jeff responded that we did try to do that for this year but had many issues come up.

Jean Atwater Williams provided an update on Wired West. If approved the state will put in \$1,200,000 towards the project. The average tax bill per household will go up

approximately \$200.00. If a household signs up for Wired West they would save overall \$300 per year. So far eleven towns have passed Wired West.

Patrick and Jeff thanked Jean for all her dedicated work with bringing all the Wired West information to the town.

Jean and Brian presented information regarding the use of the town's website. Jean has been working with Brian to create a draft website posting policy. Their goal is to make the website posting as close to the open meeting law requirements as possible. They presented instructions for all boards to now be able to post their agenda's and minutes of meetings to the website.

Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko handed out the revised Open Meeting Law and reviewed the requirements of postings of agendas and minutes of meetings.

Mail reviewed  
Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Patrick Barrett

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Jeffrey Gray