

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 27, 2015

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

Called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Steve reviewed the process of pothole patching. The plants opened late this year due to the cold weather and long winter. With the availability of Chapter 90 Pothole funds there will be a big push to patch roads. They are starting grading since the roads are almost dry. He would like to buy a side conveyor which is allowed under the Chapter 90 funds. Pat asked about the guardrail on Dodd Road. Steve will repair it. He attended a Chapter 90 101 class. Jeff asked about sub drainage work. Steve explained that in order to complete New Hartford Road he has had to save the Chapter 90 funds for 3 years and cannot use the funds anywhere else.

Lisa provided updates on New Hartford Road. The mixes are coming in lower and the hope is the bid will come in lower. The bid is advertised in the Central Register and Berkshire Record. May 15 is the walk through. Bid opening will be June 1 with the bid awarded June 8 and work to start June 15 and be complete by Sept. 30.

Steve presented the revised Generic NOI for the town. It is much more regimented when it comes to culvert work. Patrick reviewed that Steve has replaced many culverts during his tenor and has taken care of many problem areas. By replace and redirecting we have not had any washouts since Steve started working for the town.

Discussed the agenda for the upcoming all boards meeting. Items on the agenda will be: Bid opening for Hammertown Road, Energy Aggregation, review annual town meeting warrant, website overview for use by all boards and committees with an educational presentation by Jean Atwater Williams, Town Clerk will present revised open meeting law and review postings and agendas and minutes of meetings.

Lisa provided her weekly progress report. She has been in contact with Athena Health Care, they have revised their commitment regarding the EMT. Lisa will follow up. She has been working on the RFD for Hammertown Rd., worked on New Hartford Rd., attended a Wired West meeting, attended a meeting at which Congressman Neal was present. Attended an MBI meeting and discussed grants, for profit companies interest. Worked on the senior tax workoff policy. She checked with the DOR regarding the requirement to have seniors provide income information, it is a good idea but not mandatory. Patrick suggested backing off on the requirement and take people on their word as far as income level but till give it to the most needy. Reviewed dog laws regarding adoptions. Jeff asked Lisa to follow up with Happy Bangas convenience store and gas station status.

Discussed Wired West.

Lisa would like to attend a Human Resources Boot Camp on May 21 on the Cape. She would like to attend with the Treasurer. Selectmen approved. She also needs 2 hours off on Wednesday, also approved.

Reviewed and signed letters for "Failure to Restrain Dogs".

Minutes reviewed and signed

Patrick attended a Conservation Committee meeting regarding the clearing of brush on property on Route 8. The town has to fill out the paperwork to clear brush. Patrick directed Lisa to fill out the paperwork so that they can start the project.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Patrick Barrett

Jeffrey Gray