

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 25, 2016

Members present: Alice Boyd, Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Bob O'Brien
Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Bob provided highway dept. updates. They finished the rails on Lower West St. They have been fabricating a blacktop gate for the truck do they can start the blacktopping. Conservation Commission has granted him permission to move forward with a box culvert. Roadside mowing continues. Reviewed work to be done on Town Hill Rd. and West St. He reviewed chapter 90, he can lump money from left over jobs and place it towards Town Hill. He wants to oil and stone New Hartford Rd. Jeff wants a blacktop finish instead of oil and stone. Jeff and Bob will meet to review the options for finishing New Hartford Rd. They will be working on the Route 183 bridge. Teresa clarified the Chapter 90 process. She reviewed the bill submitting process. She has reviewed with Bob and the Selectmen many times and is very frustrated that the same errors continue. Bob continues to pay of statements and duplicate invoices which causes Teresa to waste a lot of time. The selectmen will set up a meeting with Bob, Dawn and Teresa. Teresa would like the meeting held during a regular selectmen's meeting so that everyone will be on the same page. She has asked that Dolores also be present as she did the job very well and can explain it better than anyone. We will place this on next weeks work session agenda.

Bob asked about flags for the parade route. Dolores will do her best but may not get them on time. Usually the highway dept lets her know how many new flags they need when they take them down in November.

Bob got a price for the police dept. office door, it is approximately \$1,580.

Alice provided Kinder Morgan update. They are pulling out of Mass except for Sandisfield. She explained that there are no additional legal fees. Terry Ignace asked about taxes. Alice clarified that they do pay taxes.

Discussed Wired West. Tolland, New Marlborough, Monterey and Tyringham have been meeting to create a contingency plan incase Wired West does not go through. Jean Atwater Williams explained the differences with going with a public company as opposed to Wired West. We want to make sure we don't loose the one million dollar grant.

Discussed funding for Wired West. They have the authority to assess dues. They would like an additional \$1,000 from each town for dues. Jean said thee is enough in the Tech Committee account to pay for this voluntary contribution.

Reviewed and approved the Energy Committee letter regarding Solar Farming.

Discussed creating a committee for the "Best Streets Policy". They will have 3 to 4 meetings a year. The grant is for bike paths. John Skrip would like the committee to include someone from finance, selectboard, police dept. and highway dept.

Discussed recycling programs for the upcoming year. We will hold a bulky waste collection for the last 2 weeks in May and 2 weeks in October.

Discussed electronics collections.

Discussed a request from someone wanting a dump sticker for vacant land. Our policy has always been to issue to households only, we will continue with this policy.

Discussed rules & regulations for the use of the transfer station. John Skrip suggested taxing everyone for a dump sticker. Dolores explained the difference between a tax and a fee. The dump sticker is a fee not a tax. Terry Ignace suggested putting video recording devices at the dump.

Discussed setting up FY2017 budget info meetings on May 7 & 9, 2016.

Selectmen's updates;

John continued to work on the Best Streets Policy. Alice attended broadband meetings and handled several phone calls.

Future agenda items;

Review possible questions for the info meeting.

Transfer station update

Meeting with highway and treasurer

Review rules and regulations for the transfer station

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Discussed driveway permits. The Planning Board will create a new and updated driveway permit document.

Discussed creating a non resident or tax payers association.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Alice Boyd

Jeff Gray

John Skrip