

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 19, 2016

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

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Reviewed and signed the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Discussed and agreed to create a stabilization account for the school upon their request. We will place an article on the next town meeting warrant. It is too late to place it on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Discussed the disposal of unused town equipment. John Skrip will follow up with the Police, Fire and Highway dept. for an inventory of unused equipment.

Alice provided the update on the logging of the cemetery. Ben Campetti and Bob Tarasuk will be meeting to discuss the project.

Discussed building improvements at the Old Town Hall. There is a balance of \$24,000 in Operation and Maint. of Town Buildings. We will replace the ramps and both front doors.

Alice provided an update on the Kinder Morgan hearing regarding Article 97 she attended. It could take up to three years to resolve.

Bob provided highway dept. updates. They continue the roadside mowing. They have been reviewing bridge reports and making appropriate repairs. They have replaced 6 sets of railings. He and his secretary will be attending a meeting on April 28 regarding grants for bridges. Alice received a complaint from the Arnolds regarding damage done to their mailbox, Bob will follow up on it. She also addressed a large amount of dirt on Route 57. Bob said the dirt is from the Pease property and they will be cleaning it up. John asked Bob for a list of equipment to dispose of. John asked when the tarring of the roads would start, Bob responded that he is getting to it. Alice asked if Bob had conducted the interviews for the highway dept., Bob said he was going to set the interviews up for next week.

John provided an update for the Energy Committee. He provided a letter that they want to send to 15 companies to try to bring solar farms to Sandisfield. This would provide revenue for the town. They are trying to decide the best sites for the farms. The letter was reviewed. Dolores suggested that they use the town's email and street address in lieu of John's personal one. All agreed.

Motion by Jeff, second by John, passed unanimously to reappoint Sean Carr to the Conservation Committee.

Motion by John, second by Jeff, passed unanimously to reappoint Donald Peet to the Historical Commission.

Reviewed a letter received from John Burrows explaining that he will not be seeking re appointment to the Finance Committee. He will continue until after the annual town meeting. The Selectmen thanked John for his many years of good service on this board and asked him to reconsider. He will stay on until June 30, 2016. Dolores stated that John is the only person that completely understands the stabilization spreadsheet and that he has done a wonderful job keeping it up to date. Dolores asked John if he would provide her with a copy on a memory stick or by email. He agreed.

Reviewed a letter from Donna Newman resigning from the Finance Committee. Dolores reviewed the protocol for appointing members to the Finance Committee. It is the job of the Moderator not the Selectmen.

Alice met with Tony at the dump to discuss the problems with people using the dump without dump stickers. Police Chief Mike Morrison asked about laws regarding dumping without a sticker. Dolores asked if there is no bylaw would it not revert to Mass General Laws regarding dumping illegally on town property. Alice will create a sample of rules and regulations. One possibility for next year would be to go to one sticker per household and write the license plate number on the sticker.

Selectmens updates. Alice worked on a purchase and sales agreement regarding the property Kim Spring recently bought from the town. She attending the Kinder Morgan hearing. She and John have been working on a personnel policy.

John discussed selling more town owned properties. John met with the Energy committee. He received a note from Mass DOT that we have been accepted and we now have to create a committee consisting of various members from boards and departments. John prepared a letter of response to an executive session.

Future agenda items will include: Mass DOT committee, review Energy Committee letter for solar farming, transfer station, discuss recycling programs.

John Burrows asked about the Energy Aggregation. Alice said it is actually coming very soon. We have received the approval.

Kathy Burrows suggested a Senior Tax Workoff person to assist at the dump.

Mail reviewed
Warrants reviewed and signed
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Alice Boyd

Jeff Gray

John Skrip