

Selectmen's minutes of meeting April 11, 2016

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bob provided highway dept. updates. It snowed last Monday and Tuesday. He met with Garrity to get the process going for the Route 57 bridge. He will be meeting on April 28 with Mass DOT. Worked on New Hartford Rd. The F350 has electrical issues. Needed a new alternator. He is working with the cemetery committee to install cemetery signs. They are working on a bridge by Lower West St. Mary Turek instructed Bob to get on the next Conservation Comm. agenda to discuss the bridge work before he starts. John Burrows asked for blacktop on the driveway at the Town Hall Annex and by the post office. Kathy Burrows asked if they can remove a tree from the Sandisfield Center Cemetery. Bob said he would take care of these issues. Bill Perry has 6 vacation days left as of this date.

Diane Pearlman in to discuss a film project that will take place at the former Silverbrook Café. They are all about economic development. Actress Karen Allen would like to make a film called "A Tree, A Rock and a Cloud". They will clean up the Silverbrook Café before filming. They will need cleaning services and security. This will be a six day shoot. They are also looking for 1940 vehicles.

John Skrip discussed the Best Streets Policy. It is for grants for signage, walkways etc. Motion by John, second by Jeff, passed unanimously to accept and sign the policy.

The Cemetery Committee in to review the logging plan for the Sandisfield Center Cemetery. Bob Tarasuk offered to write up at no cost to the town an inventory of the trees. The White Ash is already at a 30% loss. Ben Campetti suggested the logger post a bond to cover any damage to the road and wingwalls. Ben said the Campetti spent about \$15,000 installing and repairing the entrance gates.

Ben discussed a grant available to repair headstones. Alice has looked into this but has not found any, but will look into state and federal grants. Discussed setting up an enterprise account. Ben asked about repairing the cemetery road. Kathy Burrows suggested using Silverbrook Rd instead of the cemetery road for the logging. Alice asked Ben to meet with Bob Tarasuk to move forward with the project. Ben agreed. The Cemetery Committee is all in agreement with going forward with the logging project. Ben suggested doing this in the driest season.

Motion by Jeff, second by John, passed unanimously to award the bid for the Disposal of Town Property to Kim Spring for \$10,500, property on Sandisfield Rd., map 202-39.

Discussed a request from the school for establishing a stabilization fund. John will follow up with the school. We will not fund it this year as the budget is already set.

Discussed dates for town meeting informational session. They will be on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

May 4 at 11:00 a.m. the Council on Aging will host a Meet the Candidates forum.

Discussed personnel policies, the Selectmen are reviewing a first draft.

Discussed the donation of land from the Friedmans for a town hall. They have reduced their offer to one acre. Alice will thank them on behalf of the town but there is no access to the land other than through the Fire Dept. so we will decline their offer.

Discussed future agenda items. John would like to dispose un used equipment, discuss cemetery logging, discuss building improvements.

Selectmen's updates. Alice had a phone conference on the Community Energy Aggregation Plan. We have been approved and should be available by July 1, 2016.

Alice had calls regarding Veterans checks.

Alice presented a mock up of the new website. John Burrows will review it with the Technology Committee. John Skrip has been working with Mass DOT and the sharps and drug drop off program.

Discussed the dump sticker situation. There are several people using the dump without a sticker and they are giving Tony a hard time about it. Discussed having a Constable or Police Officer present. John Burrows will follow up with Mike Morrison about this.

Barbara Cormier present from the Council on Aging regarding bills not being paid on time.

Minutes reviewed and signed

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Alice Boyd

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Jeff Gray

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John Skrip