

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Nov. 17, 2014

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

Members absent: Rosario Messina

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Admin. Lisa presented the extension of the contract with Berkshire Regional Planning Comm. for the procurement work for New Hartford Rd.
All approved the extension.

Lisa provided updates on Happy Banga Akaal Properties. The appeal period has passed without any appeals filed. They owe the town more for legal fees. Dolores will prepare the special permit and notices to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds for the next meeting.

Discussed the budget process for FY2016. Patrick would like to change the line about level funding. He will review the letter and have an update for next week.

We will have an all boards meeting on Dec. 8. Kathy Jacobs of the Strategic Planning Comm would like an hour during this meeting to present building plans and review space needs with all boards. Patrick feels there are more items that need to be in place first. He commended the Strategic Planning comm. for the incredible job they have done so far. He would like them to look into state grants to offset the cost of this project. Lisa responded we may be eligible for pieces of it such as a grant for the senior center or the library. The selectmen agreed to a general overview of the plans and suggested the Strategic Planning Comm call boards to their meetings. They feel it is too early in the process to expect boards to sign off or agree on space. They will be on the agenda for half an hour.

Reviewed the Icori policy. Lisa is the designated personnel contact. She will be the only person with access to these records. Motion by Patrick, second by Jeff to adopt the ICORI policy.

Lisa has been in contact with the Chair of the Tech Committee for a job posting for a person to maintain and update the town's website. Doug Segrin present to express his concerns that he can only find the selectmen's agenda's and minutes of meetings on the website. He feels that all boards should be using it. Patrick explained that Kathy Jacobs has volunteered to post the Selectmen's work only. Jean Atwater Williams is posting the job on the website and in the Sandisfield Times. We will add this to the all boards agenda to discuss.

Motion by Jeff, second by Patrick to appoint Vicki Bakunis to the Cemetery Committee.

Reviewed and signed the Mass Recycling Facility contract for 10 years. This contract actually reimburses the town for recycling glass, plastics and cans.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings from Oct. 14 and Nov. 3, 2014

Ron Pachulski expressed his concerns regarding whether Vicki Bakunis was appointed last week. She attended their meeting. Dolores explained that it was an open meeting and anyone can attend. He is also upset that he couldn't attend the Cemetery Comm. meeting. He did inform the committee that he would not be able to make that meeting and wanted them to postpone it. They postponed and held their meeting. They did not want to postpone since the holidays are coming and inclement weather. Patrick explained that these were concerns about the cemeteries so the board of Selectmen created the cemetery committee. The Selectboard cannot oversee when boards set their meetings. Ron is concerned that his ideas are not being considered. Patrick explained that the committee votes on their recommendation and then presents it to the board of selectmen to be adopted. Ron discussed the tree line between Route 57 and the cemetery. He is following up with Mark Stinsen at the State level for confirmation on whether we can clear cut the trees. Jeff commented that he hopes the committee works together in the best interest of the town.

Mail review

Warrants reviewed and signed

Bogart Muller mows the cemeteries for the town and was asked not to touch certain plots. The families maintain their own plots. He is concerned that people who maintain their own plots are raking acorns on to the adjacent plots. He would like to be alerted when the committee meets. Dolores suggested he contact the Chair and request a copy of the agenda so that he can attend the meeting.

Patrick supplied an update regarding Yanner Park. He is going to apply for a Trail Grant through the Recreational Trails Program.

Doug Segrin asked about logging state owned land and splitting the income with the town. Patrick responded that there is logging going on now and we do get a small percentage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Patrick Barrett

Jeffrey Gray