

Selectmen's minutes of meeting November 10, 2014

Members present: Patrick Barrett, Jeff Gray, Lisa Blackmer

Members absent: Rosario Messina, Steve Harasyko, Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Patrick said he had received calls asking about the cutting on State lands. The State hadn't been cutting while they were analyzing and planning for cutting on State land. Tom Ryan from State DCR said that the State has categorized the land into three types: 1/3 to be managed for public safety standards, 1/3 Reserves where no cutting is allowed and woodlands where there is activity and management. Payment to the Town will depend on when the land was purchased. He seems to think that there money for the Town. Mr. Ryan also discussed Yanner Park. He said the last time he looked at it, he spent a lot of time in the swamp and didn't see much. He took another look and thinks there is some merchantable trees. We can apply for a grant to help cover the cost of a Forrest Management Plan. We would then put out an RFP for a Forrester.

Barrett moved to accept P&R construction's bid \$44.00/ hr. for Tannery Rd & Fire House 1 & 2, for 3 years to snow plow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gray, all in favor.  
He thanked everyone who bid on it.

Gray moved to accept Winter Sand Delivered for \$13.45/ton from Donovan. Barrett 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

Highway reports: They have finished grading. They will be milling on West St. in Cronk Rd. area. They have been cleaning up the timber after the wind storm. The sanders are all set.

Patrick asked to wait until next week for the iCORI policy.

Other: Patrick relayed his conversation with Nat Karns from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission that we should be looking to protect ourselves in the event that the Pipeline gets approved by FERC, and that we may want to work with the Attorney that BRPC has engaged to advise the towns impacted by the pipeline. The selectmen approved for Lisa to Liaison with BRPC and get some proposals from them. Barrett moved, Gray 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Barbara Cormier suggested that some of the money we get from Forestry work being done be used for repairs to the cemetery.

Mail reviewed  
Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm.

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Patrick Barrett

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Jeffrey Gray