

Selectmen's minutes from the All Boards meeting held on May 12, 2014

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

Called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Sign in list attached to minutes.

Dolores reviewed amended stabilization numbers. The article is correct but the spreadsheet has the wrong number.

David Hubbard commented on the Town Admin. job, he would like the town to consider upgrading the Selectboard members to a 20 hour work week in lieu of a full time town administrator. He also suggested changing the form of government for the town to include a Mayor.

John Skrip wants clarity from all boards regardless of the size of their budgets.

Kathy Jacobs from Fincom wants to keep the town administrator job part time.

Partick reviewed some of the items the town administrator has and will continue to work on. She has already brought in enough money to cover her salary for this past year and part of next year.

Dolores reviewed her job description for the selectmen. Her job is not the same as the Town Administrators.

Rhee Kasky feels the town needs to be better run as a business.

Lisa responded that her other job is in human resources. She gave a background of how she prioritizes her day.

John Burrows asked whether we had to re advertise the town administrator position going from part time to full time. This has already been reviewed and we do not have to re advertise.

Kathy Jacobs asked about the Town Clerks salary increase. Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko responded that she has actually not had a salary increase in two years and is not requesting one for next year. She explained that she submits a very detailed spreadsheet that shows all expenditures to the penny. Salaries are broken out by event and by person. In FY 2015 we are having a State Primary, State Election, Town Meeting and Town Election. The salaries are for all Election Workers, Board of Registrars, Constables, and the Asst. Town Clerk. She also pointed out that this has been discussed at previous budgets meetings. Also, the finance committee has used her spreadsheet as an example of how they would like other boards to breakout their budgets.

Discussed the highway dept. budgets.

John Skrip suggested subbing out more highway work.

David Hubbard suggested installing vehicle monitoring systems on all highway dept. vehicles.

Dolores responded that these may be worthwhile to look into but questioned why these ideas are being brought up 6 days before town meeting, after the budgets have been completed and after the warrant has been printed and mailed to every voters household. We have had many budget meetings since January.

Bethany Perry shared the same frustration with the timing of these suggestions. There has been ample time allowed for discussion.

Patrick asked the finance committee if they voted on or agreed with the budget as presented. Kathy Jacobs responded that they do not have to vote to accept the budget. She felt it was a good budget season and is comfortable. Patrick asked where the finance

committee was as far as agreeing with the budget. Kathy responded that they will let their decision be known at the town meeting. John Burrows also from finance feels they did agree with the budget.

Lisa reviewed snow plowing numbers.

Kathy Jacobs would like the selectmen to look into bidding out the dirt roads.

Jeff responded that he does not agree with this, that the cost would actually be higher.

Rhee Kasky asked about having each department submit a report to the Sandisfield Times.

Highway Superintendent Steve Harasyko asked from all the people in the room making all the complaints and suggestions at this meeting, which among them has contacted him to review these issues. Not one person has contacted him. He feels that you should at least go directly to the department head to discuss problems and suggestions.

John Skrip asked for more detailed information from the Police and Fire Depts. He wants a monthly report which would account for each call. Rhee Kasky responded that she has made several attempts to get the information from the police chief. He responded that is they wanted it they need to contact the state police.

Rosario Messina agrees that Police Chief Mike Morrison should be supplying that info.

Linda Riiska asked John Skrip if he needs more info from the Council on Aging. He is okay with what he has seen.

John Skrip asked about the request for the new police cruiser. Rosario explained that it is a 2006 with 60,000 miles on it.

John Burrows asked when New Hartford Road would be completed. Steve responded that it would be this year.

John asked about Article 72 which deals with land on the corner of Sandisfield Road and Hammertown Rd. Dolores responded that it is a very small parcel of land the town owns. The SARC has always used it for parking. They would like to own the land. They would clear it and level it for parking.

Linda Riiska from Council on Aging reviewed requirements from the VNA laws. She reviewed that the COA is hosting a meeting with a lawyer to review estate planning.

They are also hosting a "Meet the Candidate" forum for the annual town election.

Kathy Jacobs from Strategic Planning reviewed and updated the Selectmen on their plans and goals. They will be sending letters to all boards and the selectmen for a representative.

Patrick reviewed the gas pipeline meeting and that he will continue to stay on top of things regarding the pipeline.

Discussed the summer schedule for the selectmen. We will decide this after the election.

Reviewed and signed minutes

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Jeffrey Gray

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Patrick Barrett

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Rosario Messina