

Selectmen's minutes of meeting August 24, 2015

Members present: Alice Boyd, Jeff Gray, John Skrip, Lisa Blackmer, Steve Harasyko
Dolores Harasyko

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Steve provided highway department updates. They are moving along on New Hartford Rd. He has 2 trucks hauling gravel to New Hartford Rd. Steve thanked the Tolland Highway Dept. for the use of a truck and operator for 2 days while our truck was down. The mowing continues.

Alice provided updates on New Hartford Road. John Burrows commended the highway department and the contractors for the excellent job they are doing. The grading should be done this Wednesday and the paving will start the following Monday.

Alice reviewed the work she and Lisa are doing on the Strap Grant for the Route 57 Bridge repair project.

Motion by Jeff, second by Alice with John abstaining to appoint Rosanne Skrip to the Cultural Council.

Discussed appointing Paul Gaudette to the Conservation Commission. Alice would like to meet him. We will ask him to come to a Selectmen's meeting.

Motion by John, second by Jeff, passed unanimously to grant a one day all alcohol license to the American Legion.

Discussed regionalization. Lisa reviewed the Commonwealth Community Compact. It is to encourage best practices and develop policies.

Alice suggested Sandisfield hosting a meeting inviting surrounding town's Selectmen to discuss common issues. She would like to hold the first meeting in October. Jeff reviewed the work and meetings they did in the past with Patrick Barrett. Lisa has been in touch with some of the towns. She will follow up and set it up for October.

Discussed the selectmen's work session schedule. They will meet Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 2:30 in lieu of the regular meeting. Discussed having work sessions on alternating weeks. John prefers alternating work sessions and regular Selectmen's meetings. Jeff wants to make sure we get things done. We will try this for the month of September. Regular Selectmen's meetings will be on Sept. 8 & 21.

Lisa provided a town administrator report. She was out on vacation last week. She has worked on a policy manual, Community Compact, New Hartford Road and the pipeline. She attended a bridge opening in North Adams at which gave her an opportunity to discuss our bridge problem.

Alice provided the Selectmen's report. She has been working on the Strap grant, job descriptions and pipeline issues. John worked on employee issues, reviewed the New Hartford Road project. He has also met with residents that want to set up an energy committee. Jeff continued to work on New Hartford Road and the roof project. He commended all the contractors, highway dept and staff for all their work on New Hartford Road. Jeff also followed up on the convenience store/gas station. Happy Banga now has state approval to move forward.

Alice asked Jeff to complete Lisa's evaluation.

Kathy Jacobs would like the website updated. Alice said there have been issues with the web master. Kathy asked where we are with energy aggregation. Lisa reviewed the process.

Minutes reviewed and signed
Warrants reviewed and signed
Mail reviewed
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Alice Boyd

Jeff Gray

John Skrip