

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Jan. 27, 2014

Members present: Jeffrey Gray, Patrick Barrett, Rosario Messina, Lisa Blackmer
Town Admin. , Stephan Harasyko Rd. Sup., Dolores Harasyko Admin Asst.

Called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Steve presented Highway Dept. updates. It has been a very busy and difficult winter. They have been working for 20 consecutive days plowing and sanding the roads. They have also had to do some minor equipment repairs. They have had problems with the highway garage, the exhaust from the furnace was leaking into the building causing them to turn the heat off. The water froze and they were unable to wash or freshen up. They did a review of the salt shed sills, all were clean of salt. They lubed all nuts and bolts. The gate will be repaired. Steve has a welder creating a stronger plate to hold the gate to the building. There was miss information out to the public that the gate was hit. It was not hit, the plate holding the gate fell apart. Rosario asked about an accident that happened a few weeks ago. Steve always reports accidents to the chair of the board. The truck slid off the road into the ditch due to the heavy wet snow as it came down Sears Rd. There was not damage to the operator or the vehicle. Dolores thanked the Highway Dept. for their help moving files and boxes into the storage unit. It was a bitter cold day to be working outside but the work got done.

Kim and Shandru Paspuletti in to discuss the special permit process. They do not own the land they want to build the convenience store on. The sale hinges on the special permit approval. The Town Admin. is looking into this. Patrick suggested they have their attorney look over their permit application. We cannot use the Towns attorney at the towns expense to do this for them. Jeff asked them if they were prepared to submit the application. They responded that they still needed clarification on some items.

Gary Bottum, Chair of the Planning board present to present the draft of the bylaws for submission on the FY2015 warrant for the Right to Farm and revised Driveway Permit. Motion by Patrick, second by Rosario, passed unanimously to accept the drafts as presented to be included on the FT2015 Warrant.

Dolores asked that the Planning Board submit it to her in a word document format with the italics all the same. Gary agreed.

Lisa discussed the MMA legislative meeting she attended. She informed the Board there will be a Legislative breakfast meeting on Feb. 28, 2014 at the Tyringham Town Hall. She recommended they attend along with Steve and the Treasurer.

Discussed salaries for Fy2015, we will go with 2%, the selectmen will level fund their salaries again this year.

Minutes reviewed and signed

Patrick recommended looking into creating a full time position for the Town Administrator. He feels we have an excellent administrator in Lisa. When we first began the process we felt part time would be sufficient. It has become abundantly clear that there is a lot of work still to be done such as the Strap Grant for Route 57. Landing a grant for a project such as this would pay for the position. She has already proven herself in the amount of work she has already accomplished. Jeff commented that he would like to sit down with Lisa and come up with a plan first.

Jeff explained that Route 57 is the only qualified federally aided road in town. The state would like to hold a public information meeting to see if the town is interested in seeking funding for this project.

Bethany Perry expressed her concerns about the Selectmen's minutes of meetings reflecting discussions of persons that were not notified that they would be the topic of discussion.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Jeffrey Gray

Patrick Barrett

Rosario Messina