

Selectmen's minutes of meeting March 13, 2017

Members present: Alice Boyd, John Skrip, Willie Morales, Bob O'Brien
Dolores Harasyko

Members absent: Jeff Gray

Called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Note for the record that Jean Atwater Williams is video taping the meeting.

It is with deep respect that we acknowledge the Mahican Tribe, the pathfinders of our community.

Bob presented highway department updates. They have been working on dirt roads and plowing snow. One big truck is down with a broken crank shaft. They have contractors lined up for the snow storm.

Willie gave an update on the blizzard which is to arrive March 14, 2017, it is at a code blue emergency status.

Bob provided an update on the library basement flooding. He will follow up on the drainage pipe.

Bob Tarasuk and Adam Brown in to discuss the Yanner Park Logging project. David Hubbard would like to review the plans to make sure it is compatible for future plans of the use of Yanner Park. Bob reviewed the State Laws regarding Slashing. The trails will have connectivity to the BNR trails. They have taken into consideration all laws and conservation issues. Discussed the log landing on Hammertown Rd. Once Kinder Morgan starts work on the pipeline there will be adjustments made as to the traffic on Hammertown Rd. The Route 57 bridge will also be an issue as the logging trucks are too heavy to use that route. Bob said there are already established trails and landings. Adam addressed the recreational use of the Yanner Park land. It is ripe for developing recreational use. Mark Newman discussed concerns about slash cuttings left over 2 feet. Bob explained the slash laws address fire reasons and aesthetics. Bob responded that he oversees the contract and will adhere to the specs of the contract. Per the contract the trails will be clear. Barbara Cormier asked about logging bonds for damage to the road. Bob responded that agricultural project of logging is exempt from the bonding process.

Motion by John, second by Alice to sign the contract. Alice thanked Bob and Adam for all their work.