

Selectmen's minutes of meeting October 15, 2019

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley,
Joanne Grybosh, Town Manager, Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mark explained that we were going to take agenda items out of order.

The Selectmen officially introduced Joanne Grybosh as the new Town Manager. Joanne responded that she is very happy to be here.

Mark explained that item #9 on the agenda will be tabled until next week since Jennifer Pilbin is not present. She requested to be rescheduled to next week. Mark confirmed that she does have a driveway permit. Brian explained that she does not have a permit for the trailer that she is living in. She was to be present tonight to review land use and permits.

Brian reviewed the process for the permit to live in a camper. They first need a driveway permit, 911 house number, well and septic before coming to the selectmen for the permit to live in the camper while building the house. Discussed marijuana facilities throughout Berkshire County. Mark clarified that this discussion is not on the agenda and that they cannot respond. Ed Brozman present has questions. We will place him on next weeks agenda. Brian will follow up with town counsel regarding the moratorium for growth facilities.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

Dolores presented a revised list of Special Municipal Employees.

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to accept the revised list. Dolores will certify it and forward it to the Ethics Commission.

Joanne presented the Community Compact IT Grant. She gathered information from town departments on upgrading technology. She researched the past 3 history of this grant to see what was most awarded. All agreed to apply for GIS software for the Assessors/DPW for \$18,000. This software will allow mapping of roads, culverts, stream crossings, bridges, etc. It will also benefit Police and Fire.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to approve the IT grant.

Fire Chief Ralph Morrison in to present a lease for the 1988 Mack Tanker for \$1.00.

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the lease agreement.

Neil Gilpin in to follow up on the cattle problem on South Beech Plain Road. Brian reviewed the problem with Town Counsel. There is a statute that allows for criminal charges but it is a big challenge.

Town Counsel recommended that Mr. Gilpin first try to file a claim with his homeowners insurance, his insurance will then go after the offender.

His other option would be to go back to Southern Berkshire District Court and file a Contempt of Non Compliance to the Magistrate where the original complaint was filed.

Brian will get a written explanation for Mr. Gilpin. If the offender does not have homeowners insurance then Mr. Gilpin will have to file a complaint with land court.

Discussed the sign request from BNRC. George read aloud the email he received from Mackenzie Greer, Director of Public Programs for BNRC. They are requesting to install a directional sign at the front right corner of the enclosure (dog kennel). BNRC will take care of the installation.

Motion by George, second by Brian, Mark abstained to allow the installation of the sign.

Discussed annual license fees and transfer station sticker fees. Motion by George, second by Brian, passed unanimously not to increase any fees.

Discussed the cardboard compactor and the swap shop.

Consideration to appoint Emily Gallagher to the Yanner Park Committee. Brian explained the situation. Sue Tarasuk is Emily's mother, Sue is on the Yanner Park Committee. Bob Tarasuk is the Forester for Yanner Park and gets paid a commission. Dolores suggested that Emily contact the Ethics Commission for a ruling as to whether this presents an ethics problem. Emily will contact the attorney of the day for a ruling and get back to us with the results. We will table the appointment until then.

Discussed future agenda items: Library usage of the Community Center, Yanner Park appointment, Jennifer Pilbin, budget discussion, Ed Brozman in to present questions regarding marijuana growth facilities.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley