

Selectmen's minutes of meeting Nov. 25, 2019

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

Called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meeting

Reviewed and signed purchase orders

Nina Carr asked about repetitive purchases required a purchase order for each bill. Her example being the chair yoga for the COA is the same dollar amount every month. Joanne will assist her with this.

Reviewed the annual liquor renewal applications. The establishments have passed the fire inspections and Board of Health inspections and their taxes are paid up to date. Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously.

Reviewed and signed the 2020 Annual Business Licenses.

Discussed new installation job done through the Green Community Grant. We should be seeing savings in our heating bill.

Reviewed and signed the Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Contract. The budget for FY2021 will be the same as it was for FY19 and FY20 at \$4,930.68. Nina Carr expressed her disappointment with their service. They use the volunteer driving service more often than SBETC. The selectmen will address this with the COA in the future.

George wanted to re address the Town Hall Annex suggestion to file an insurance claim to clean up after the insulation job. Brian reviewed that it is a mote point. The ceiling tiles are so old that the old materials from the attic that fell through into the offices would have happened anyway. The building has already been cleaned. We cannot file an insurance claim after the fact. Larry responded that Joanne was able to come up with a plan to successfully clean the building.

Selectmen's updates:

Mark gave an update on the cardboard compactor, we have received the invoice and now own the compactor. Nina thanked the selectmen for their progressive work they have been doing for the town.

The Route 57 job has begun today. The Mass DOT was out surveying the culverts. This work will include culverts and a full depth reclamation from the New Marlborough line to New Hartford Road.

The pole survey is also going on for broadband.

George asked about the electricity for the compactor. Mark responded that there will be underground electric.

Town Manager updates:

Joanne has been focusing on FY21 budgets. She will be sending the budget documents out tomorrow.

She has put in a work order through Verizon for a phone to be installed at the transfer station.

She is still working on updating voice mail process from Magna5.

She has applied for the town credit card through Berkshire Bank.

Future agenda items:

There will be a public hearing for Verizon/Eversource for a new pole to be installed on West St.

Discussed the process of Zoning Bylaws regarding the Planning Board.

Reviewed mail

Reviewed and signed warrants

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley