

## Selectmen's minutes of meeting December 9, 2019

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

Called to order at 7:00

Mark opened the public hearing for Verizon/Eversource. Steve Klaubert in representing Verizon/Pike Telecom. Mr. Klaubert explained that they are simply adding a new pole on West St. Motion by Mark, second by George, passed unanimously to allow the new pole at map and parcel 407-0-53 #1A3WS9I.

Public Hearing closed at 7:04 pm and the regular Selectmen's meeting resumed.

Reviewed and signed purchase orders.

Reviewed and sign the letter for TRI regarding grants.

Discussed and set date for a work session for the Selectmen to review and vote to approve their operating budgets. The work session will be Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex. The selectmen approved a 2 % for regular employees.

Discussed and set dates for work sessions to review and vote on FY2021 budgets as they are received. The work sessions will be Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 3 p.m. and Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex.

Kathy Jacobs representing the Finance Committee would like to work jointly with Town Manager Joanne Grybosh to come up with parameters for increases in budgets, large ticket items, estimates, financing and reasons for budgets. Brian responded that we already have that in place. Kathy would also like additional information for any new staffing requests such as benefits.

Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko read aloud the disclosure from Emily Gallagher regarding her request to be appointed to the Yanner Park Committee. Emily contacted the Ethics Commission and they directed her to file the disclosure which states that her father Robert Tarasuk occasionally does work that he is compensated for and that her mother also serves on the Yanner Park Committee. Emily will abstain from any discussion if her family members are involved. Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the disclosure.

Motion by Brian, second by George, passed unanimously to appoint Emily Gallagher to the Yanner Park Committee.

Selectmen's updates:

They have all been working on budgets.

Brian is following up on a land issue regarding Kinder Morgan.

Town Manager updates:

Joanne has contacted Verizon to install a phone at the transfer station. She reviewed the progress of the cardboard compactor. It has been purchased. Joanne will follow up with the grant provider to let them know it has been purchased and send the appropriate documentation for reimbursement.

She has been working on budget letters and will be contacting all budget owners individually to provide assistance if needed.

Joanne and DPW superintendent Brad Curry presented information about the Franklin Regional Collective Highway Products and Services Bid Program for FY2021. It would cost \$1,700 to join. They would do all the bidding for the town. George asked for a comparison sample. Brad explained that their bid for salt is \$4.00 per town less than the bid we have in place for this season. The \$1,700 would more than be covered in just the salt savings alone. Brain asked where the \$1,700 comes from. It would be budgeted in the FY2021 Highways and Bridges Consultation budget. Since the signing of the letter of intent to join was not on tonight's agenda we will add it to next weeks agenda to formally sign.

Future agenda items:

Franklin Regional Collective Bid Program

Budgets

Letter of resignation from Megan Smigel from Recreation Comm.

Mail reviewed

Warrants reviewed and signed

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Mark Newman

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Brian O'Rourke

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George Riley