

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes July 22, 2019

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Chairman Jack Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectman Tim Berry. Selectman Roberge was on vacation.

Town resident, Eileen Naber came before the Board to ask their assistance in getting all Boards, Commissions and Committees to follow the Right-to-Know Law and make sure that their meetings are being posted on the Town Calendar and at least one other place in Town. The Board agreed that it was a good idea to have the meetings on the web site. Office will remind all chairmen that this is the case.

Naber also asked about the handwritten sign at the Transfer Station that says that the gates will close 15 minutes before the posted closing time. The Board was unaware of this sign and will have DPW Director Crosby remove it and stress that the gates be left open until closing time.

7:10 pm Crosby let the Board know that he wants to close Brook Road from Gavin Road to the Amherst town line to vehicles over 6 tons due to the failing culvert. Board agreed, and Office will post in the newspaper. It will be closed from July 29, 2019 until further notice.

Crosby turned in a job description and posting for the position that is open.

Esposito let Crosby know that some residents have cleaned out around the stop sign at the bottom of Mason Road and asked Crosby to pick up the debris left by the residents.

Berry mentioned that the guy doing the roadside mowing this year is doing a much better job than in previous years. Crosby added that we are getting a full 80 hours of mowing for the amount in the budget.

7:20 pm Town Clerk, Belinda Yeaton brought resident Bobbi Billows in to meet the Selectmen and ask that they appoint her to the position of Deputy Town Clerk.

Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito to appoint Bobbi Billows as Deputy Town Clerk effective immediately. All in favor.

7:25 pm Esposito discussed with Yeaton the fact that she had Billows working before the Board had appointed her. Yeaton said that she needed to get her working as the State won't let her work alone until 30 days after hire date and Kristin is leaving in August.

Board reviewed the minutes of July 8, 2019. Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the minutes of July 8, 2019 as written. All in favor.

Board discussed the budget to actual figures, and where more than ½ the budget has already been used. The Town Clerk is going to have to cut down on spending as the Deputy line will have to go over because of training the new Deputy. The building inspector's line is way over, but their income offsets their expenses. Same with Special Duty in the PD. Sand/Salt and overtime in the DPW are over due to the winter we had.

Esposito said that he and Berry went to the Change of Command at the NBAFB; it was impressive.

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Esposito requested the FD and PD coordinate opening the community room in the Fire Station this weekend as a cooling station due to the excessive heat.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Board reviewed and signed an intent to cut.

Board reviewed a note of complaint from a neighborhood in Amherst who say that a private shooting range is causing them distress by creating so much noise for prolonged periods. The PD has already investigated, and found the homeowner in compliance with all laws and ordinances currently on the books. The letter asks the Board to establish a noise ordinance. Board will take under advisement.

Resident, Matt Harrah asked if there would be any changes to ordinances or the way the gun club works due to an incident that happened 2 weeks ago. Board is waiting to hear from the PD exactly what happened, and how it could have been prevented.

Harrah also asked about the speed limit issue in subdivisions; are we still looking into lowering them?

Berry said that to go below 30mph it requires a traffic study.

Harrah said that (an ounce of prevention is worth more than) a pound of cure.

Berry said that the Chief of Police had his officers go door to door to remind residents of Dutton Circle that the speed limit is 30mph, and that there had been a complaint of excessive speed.

8:10 pm As there were no further items before the Board: Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Brown