

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
January 2, 2019  
7:00 PM Town Hall

*Present:* Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans and Paul Madore

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

*Public Comments:* None

*Minutes:* December 4, 2018

**MOTION** S. Evans to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting as presented.  
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*Discussion:*

*Residential discharge of firearms*

- M. Riiska has received complaints from a group of concerned citizens on Mountain Road regarding noise from firearms being discharged. He spoke to the State Police and confirmed that the rules for hunting and target shooting require that you be 500 feet from any dwelling housing residents or animals. As long as they are on private property and adhering to these rules they are within their rights. M. Riiska looked around the area of concern and noted that there are a number of homes that have that kind of acreage. One of the residents asked if Norfolk can have a town noise ordinance for this. After some discussion M. Riiska will look into an ordinance.

*Animal Control Officer Position*

- M. Riiska reported that we are not happy with the service we are getting from our current Animal Control Officer, Lauren Foley. She doesn't respond to calls in a timely manner and the assistant is responding for most of the work. M. Riiska recommended terminating Lauren Foley and appointing Jesse Warner to the Animal Control Officer position. Lauren Foley was informed about this meeting with a certified letter which invited her to discuss this subject in an open meeting or an executive session. We received no response.

**MOTION** S. Evans to terminate the employment of Lauren Foley, Animal Control Officer and move Jesse Warner to the position. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

*Mountain Road Bridge #097004 – Engineering Study (\$5,000)*

- M. Riiska reported that the Mountain Road Bridge, just beyond the Perkins residence at the beginning of the road, was identified by the State of Connecticut as one of the six bridges in town considered in "poor" condition. During the discussions regarding the repair of the River Place Bridge, Cardinal Engineering Associates of Litchfield, inspected the bridges in Norfolk and labeled the Mountain Road bridge condition "very poor". M. Riiska is requesting that the Town spend \$5,000 out of the engineering line item for an engineering report that would allow us to seek funding from the State of Connecticut to work on the Mountain Road Bridge. Signs will be placed on both ends of Mountain Road requesting no trucks (with a certain weight limit) be allowed over the bridge until

we hear further from Cardinal Engineering. M. Riiska assured everyone that the bridge will look the same in the end and the stone will be replaced "as is".

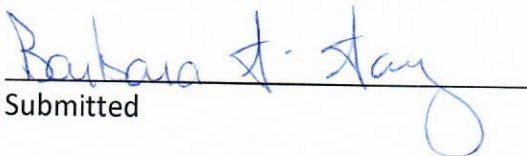
**MOTION** S. Evans to spend \$5,000 from the engineering line on engineering costs for the Mountain Road Bridge. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.


*Selectmen's Report*

- The Board of Education will be holding a budget discussion meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Botelle School Hall of Flags. The public is encouraged to attend.
- The 8,000 gallon oil tank at Botelle School is almost 30 years old and needs to be replaced. There have been some issues with the boilers which Perotti's has been working on. M. Riiska discussed with Mary Beth Iacobelli, school superintendent, the possibility of other alternatives for a heating system since we have this opportunity. The total cost for the tank removal will be in the area of \$80,000 - \$100,000 and M. Riiska is looking for funding through the State of Connecticut Administrative Services which should cover 69% of the cost. CIRMA, our insurer, is requesting that we do not bury another tank and are suggesting another insurer if we do. The timeline for removal and replacement of tank would be paperwork in March, approval by May and money available for work to be done in July and/or August.
- Traffic calming – M. Riiska e-mailed the State of Connecticut about adding some speed limit signs near the flashing light signs for Botelle School.
- New truck – Everyone is very happy with the 2013 International truck we purchased from the Town of Salisbury.
- Sidewalks – M. Riiska received some drawings and specs from Allied Engineering for replacement of sidewalks, along with recommendations of people who could do the job. We will send out the specifications to get an idea of what the costs might be and we could do the job in stages.
- Retaining wall on Route 44 – The State of CT DOT has stepped up their concern after receiving e-mails from town residents and are working on an emergency plan as well as monitoring the bulge closely.

2/3 Vote - None

**MOTION** S. Evans to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

  
Submitted

  
Approved