

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

Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans and Paul Madore
Others: Phylis Bernard and Wylie Wood

Public Comments: None

Minutes: March 5, 2019 and March 11, 2019

MOTION P. Madore to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting as presented.
Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting with a correction to the spelling of her name. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Appointments/Reappointments: Workplace, Health & Safety Committee
Conservation Commission

MOTION S. Evans to appoint William Brodnitzki to the Workplace, Health and Safety Committee as an ambulance representative. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to appoint Thomas Gorski to the Workplace, Health and Safety Committee as a Public Works representative. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to reappoint the following members to the Conservation Commission with terms to expire on 02/17/22:

Elizabeth B. Borden
Shelley E. Harms
Martha Klein
Susannah Wood

Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to reappoint Elizabeth Corrigan as an alternate to the Conservation Commission with the term to expire 02/17/22. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Transfer Station/Tobey Pond Sticker Pricing

After much discussion it was decided to keep the Transfer Station and Tobey Pond sticker pricing at the same rates as last year.

MOTION S. Evans to keep Transfer Station sticker pricing at the same rates as last year.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to keep Tobey Pond sticker pricing at the same rates as last year.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Selectmen's Report

- John Allyn will be resigning as Public Works Supervisor effective Thursday, April 4th. Tom Gorski will be the crew lead and M. Riiska will make sure things get done until we hire a new supervisor. M. Riiska will be meeting with J. Allyn prior to his leaving to review upcoming projects.

- Upcoming road projects include Doolittle Drive (near Loon Meadow), Westside Road to Golf Drive, a section of Parker Hill Road and a section of Goshen East Street (including guard rail work). Also, the section in front of the National Iron Bank on John Curtiss Road will be cut out and replaced.
- The public works supervisor job description will be reviewed prior to the rehiring of a new person. Because of the expenses associated with J. Allyn's resignation a replacement will not be hired until the new fiscal year. John has been here 10 years and under his contract he is entitled to vacation and sick time payout. M. Riiska would like the next person we hire to be more of a "working" supervisor.
- The Town will be renting a street sweeper from the NHCOG Public Works Cooperative sometime in May for the areas where sand accumulates. We will also be renting a vacuum to clean the storm drains.
- M. Riiska has received a few e-mails regarding the discharge of firearms at a Mountain Road residence. He has checked with the other selectmen who attend the NHCOG meetings and none of the towns have firearm ordinances. The current regulation is that you are not allowed to discharge a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling or barn. M. Riiska will send a letter to the homeowner.
- Rural transit bus - M. Riiska has sent letters to five different local foundations looking for funding to purchase our own bus. We could purchase a used bus with low mileage which would save us from spending \$65,000 on a new bus. M. Riiska has applied for a 5310 grant with the State of CT but if we could purchase a bus without State of CT DOT grant money it would give the town more flexibility. Also, having a bus rather than a van will give us more room for excursions and cultural events.
- M. Riiska distributed an income statement to the selectmen for Fiscal Year 19/20. The Town of Norfolk Grand List is down by 13.57%. Discussion held regarding big items added to next year's budget i.e. Transfer Station increase, senior van, Defined Benefit Plan paydown, Regional School #7 increase and new pick-up truck for public works.
- Board of Finance will be meeting next Tuesday with the Board of Education at their regular meeting on 4/9/19 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

2/3 Vote: None

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.


Submitted – Barbara Gomez


Approved – Matthew Riiska