

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
4:30 PM Town Hall

Present: Matthew Riiska and Sandy Evans

Present via Zoom: Paul Madore, Phylis Bernard and John Deshazo

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: August 11, 2020 (Special Meeting)

MOTION S. Evans to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Special Meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

22nd Annual 10-Mile Run (Greystone Electronics)

As in past years Will Graustein, race director, has requested permission to utilize the Town Hall parking lot and building for the race. A \$75.00 custodial fee for use of the bathrooms was paid.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the 22nd Annual 10-Mile Run scheduled for Saturday, December 19th at 11:00 a.m. (snow date of January 2, 2021). Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

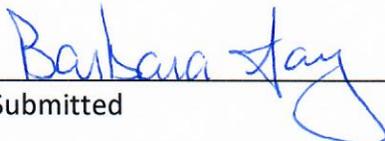
Selectman's Report

- A letter of intent with Lodestar was approved and signed at the August 11th BOS meeting for the Transfer Station solar project. Lodestar has paid a \$25,000 engineering fee to Eversource to begin load ratings on power lines.
- M. Riiska reported that the Fiber Optics Committee members will be Kim Maxwell, Libby Borden, Bill Brown, John Deshazo and Brett Robbins (new to town). S. Evans expressed her concern that the committee will consist of all pro-fiber optic residents. M. Riiska will be happy to add two more people to the committee to make it more objective.
- At the last meeting a resolution was put in place to apply for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant with the State of CT for the Haystack Woods Project on Old Colony Road. The application should be submitted to the State of CT by the end of next week.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 10/10/20 at the Torrington Middle School. More information will be posted to town website and Norfolk NOW. Due to COVID-19 guidelines it will be organized a little differently.
- M. Riiska spoke with the Norfolk resident who purchased the pizza shop and the yellow building next to Infinity Hall. He would like to purchase the town-owned property in between those two buildings (1/4 acre with an appraised value of \$36,510). We would need to hold a town meeting and vote on it. M. Riiska's concern is that Infinity Hall has no place for employee parking or to put their trash receptacles. Currently we allow their dumpster on town property. M. Riiska would like to talk to the owners of Infinity Hall before we make a decision.

- Tobey Pond – A Norfolk resident has suggested we expand the beach by 25'-30'. M. Riiska has discussed this with Great Mountain Forest who would need to approve the project. M. Riiska is working with GMF and the Wetlands Commission on a plan. The project will be financed with private funding.
- Tobey Pond - Ethan Pearlman, a local resident and volunteer, is working on a new shed for his Eagle Scout project. This shed will be moved approximately 5' to meet zoning setback regulations and will be slightly larger to better accommodate equipment.
- River Place Bridge – Engineering work is ongoing. We have currently paid our 7th invoice with WMC Engineering. The funds for the bridge (\$283,000) are in an account which will be reimbursed (80%) by the federal government. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 9th.
- Mountain Road Bridge – Project still on hold with the DOT. The DOT has not made any decisions regarding the next round of bridges to be funded.
- A town meeting was held a few weeks ago to approve funds to purchase a roller for Public Works. We were not satisfied with that particular roller so we're trying out another one to purchase.
- Grantville Road has been paved. The town crew did a great job with the grading work and drainage.
- The sidewalk in front of The Hub has been completed. We will try to get new sidewalks in front of the Berkshire Store done this Fall and work our way around Station Place in the Spring.
- Regional #7 Board of Education – we still need someone to replace Ben Nadeau.
- S. Evans expressed her concern with the overgrown property on the corner of Emerson Street and Maple Avenue. It impairs the line-of-site and needs to be addressed.

2/3 Vote: None

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.


Submitted


Approved