

Selectboard Minutes
Monday, August 12, 2019

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez

Absent: S. Patch

Meeting recorded and televised by FCAT.

Meeting called to order at 6:36PM.

SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Pierce noted a Ditch Committee would be scheduled for next week.

Mr. Fydenkevez announced the loss of long-time community member, Marilyn Munn today. Mr. Fydenkevez noted he'd know Marilyn since she moved into town 52 years ago. She was very involved in the town and influenced a lot of people as a teacher. He stated, "Heaven received a beautiful angel today."

- The office has received comments regarding the intersection configuration changes recently. Rt 116 & Rt 47 is a state intersection and they are working with the town regarding the traffic concerns. Folks have indicated they think the change is great and others aren't supportive. The change was done in response to safety concerns regarding several accidents, pedestrian safety and a bicycle accident. The state has identified this area as a high traffic area and has also met with the town and Lucy Alman regarding the flower bed plantings as a visibility issue. Sign board notices regarding the traffic changes have been requested and will be addressed with the Police Chief. The Board has also heard concerns of speeding vehicles on the town roadways; many being town residents. Mr. Fydenkevez asked residents to be mindful of all the different modes of transportation enjoyed in our community and to share the road and be careful. The Police Chief will be asked to comment on as well.

Mr. Bergeron: Capital Planning Committee met last Wednesday and recommended or tabled items reviewed. The Elementary School playground use of ADA Access Grant may be possible for partially funding the upgrade. There will be an early September meeting to review the Building Surveys from Roy Brown Assoc.

- Reminded everyone that it is the season of moving trucks in the community with students moving back, please use caution during this transition with the new residents.
- The Complete Streets project and Hadley Road sidewalks project will begin in the next 2 weeks.

MINUTES

Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to approve Minutes of 7/29/2019, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Electric Aggregation Agreement update. The Board was asked by the aggregator if language should be included for wood-dried biomass as a potential source. Mr. Fydenkevez felt the residents should decide on these matters, not the Board. Motion entertained if the Board was in favor to include wood-dried biomass as a source option to the contract, Mr. Bergeron Second, Vote 0-3.
- Village Center Committee Charge. 3 Options were reviewed for the state highway Rt 116/Rt 47 area. Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to adopt Charge #3, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0.
- The Village Center Committee composition was reviewed. Interested residents should contact the Town Administrator if they wish to serve.
- Sewer extension consideration request from Sugarbush developers at last meeting was tabled until Mr. Pierce could participate. Mr. Fydenkevez will not entertain any further discussion on the matter until a tangible plan is brought to the town. Extend an invitation to a future meeting, with a proposal to discuss.
- ZBA's Sugarbush legal counsel is reviewing the conveyance of property rights to another limited liability corporation.
- Dimo's Restaurant sale. The town was asked if interested in the property for senior housing plan consideration. The property was viewed as part of the 120 N Main St property proposal and overall housing plan. Options were

discussed and determined at that time that the property would not help with the senior housing project plan and therefore not recommended.

- Building Surveys were reviewed, and the Old Fire Station was a focus. Discuss the long-term goals and maintenance with the Water District and if the property should be kept. If the property is kept then formal arrangements on maintenance needs to be put in place. Selling the property would need a town meeting vote.
- Selectboard Name change legislation status. The matter is before the administrative aide and no determination has been received.
- Conservation Restriction for Montague Road is before the Selectboard for signature.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fydenkevez Motion to appoint LaDonna Olanyk to the Council on Aging, Mr. Pierce Second, Vote 3-0. There are additional seats available on the COA and anyone interested should contact the office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8/26/19 - 6:30pm Carolos Nieto-Mattei, The Berkshire Design Group

Re: Presentation of Conceptual Design Options for School Street ADA Improvements.

9/23/19 - 6:00PM MASSDOT Public Hearing

Re: North Main Street Reconstruction Project

Mr. Pierce Motion to adjourn at 7:25PM, Mr. Fydenkevez Second, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Patch", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sherry Patch
Town Administrator