

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Town Offices. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 3/3/20. So voted.

Diane Nichols did not attend the meeting.

Gift Account/Credit Card: The Board discussed getting a credit card and would like to set that up as of July 1st, 2020. In the meantime, to purchase disc golf baskets (money donated) we should get a Visa/MC gift card that we can load and use online. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to get a visa gift card to use to purchase the disc golf baskets. So voted.

Mr. Kiley discussed the Green Gold money we should be getting and that we have to setup stabilization accounts according to Mass General Law. At the Special Town meeting the accounts will be explained and voted upon.

massDot sent North Brookfield notification that the bridge on Mad Brook Road/Horsepond Brook must be closed. Jason Benoit will close and notify massDot of his action. Highway will have to look into getting grants to fix the bridge.

massDot sent a Chapter 90 reimbursement request for the Cider Mill Bridge grant-Mr. Kiley signed the document.

The Board of Selectmen were sent an abutters notification regarding tree clearing on Waite Corner Road.

dcr sent the Board a notification about Horse Pond Dam, Mr. Kiley will look into filing the appropriate paperwork (Emergency Action Plan). Brandon Avery said he'd be interested in the process.

The Water Department requested the BOS sign a contract for algae treatments on a bi-annual schedule to prevent egg odor in the water. Mr. Kiley signed the contract.

Howe Lumber-we received a bill for the lumber used to rebuild several benches in Town, Ashley will pay the invoice out of the appropriate account.

Ashley will fill out Fin Com requests for a few bills she received that were not budgeted (tree removal and shredding at the Town House).

Bates Observatory-The Bates Observatory has been in a state of disrepair for years and is in the process of falling down. The building inspector deemed it a hazard and advised it be taken down. Mr. Tripp would like to take the top half down to the dental work and put a rubber roof on. It was suggested we could sell the removed bricks to raise money. The Town was given money to maintain the building, however the cost of restoration and maintenance was much more than the balance, the Town voted to not fund the rest of the project. Mr. Petraitis will get bids this week for the work. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to remove the top half of the building, to the dental work, and cap the remaining lower half with a rubber roof. So voted.

At 7:35pm, there being no further business, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre