

Town of Hawley, Massachusetts
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – June 16, 2015

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Bob Maclean – Board
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Pam Shrimpton, Rick Kean, Hussain Hamdan, Bob and Brandon Root, Chris
Tirone, Lloyd Crawford, Betty Nichols

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrant – warrant 39 was approved.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes from June 2 and 3 were reviewed and approved.
3. Appointments (Cons Comm; FRCOG Council; etc) –
Daniel Hoyt was appointed as Registrar of Voters
Williams Cosby was appointed to a 3-year term on the Conservation Commission
Phil Keenan was appointed as FRCOG representative
4. META grant – authorize Lloyd Crawford to apply on behalf of the town – Lloyd explained that this is a vital step in becoming a Green Community. We will need to plan to reduce energy usage by 20% in 5 years. This grant would give us a level 2 audit to evaluate energy usage. The narrative is already done. Phil made a motion to endorse the application. Bob seconded, and the Board signed the application and authorized Lloyd to compile the necessary attachments and file the application.
5. Ch 90 paperwork (discuss planning for town match if awarded HMPG grant for bank stabilization near Town Garage) – Project requests were prepared for paving on West Hawley, West Hill and Forge Hill Roads. The Board signed as needed. John explained that the HMPG grant for armoring the bank by the Garage has a 25% town match. This would represent approximately \$88,000. A MassWorks grant may be a source of funding for this expense. John will work on the online application, which needs to be filed between August 24 and September 3.
6. Discuss Middle Road status – John wrote a letter to the Commissioner of DCR and Secretary of DOER regarding the delay in repairing Middle Road. He also emailed Senator Downing and Representative Mark suggesting a legislative earmark. Downing explained that there is currently no avenue for a legislative earmark. John will check with Downing's office to see if they have a paper trail of the issue. Lloyd mentioned that Orders of Condition are good for three years, and one year has passed already.
7. Any other business not reasonably anticipated prior to posting agenda
 - a) Forge Hill Road – The Selectboard signed the notice to proceed contingent upon Donna MacNicol accepting the contract documents.
 - b) Virginia will be away from July 8 through 14. The Board agreed to move the July 14 meeting to Wednesday, July 15 instead.

- c) Pam reported that she has not heard back from the Sheriff's Department yet. Lloyd was the only volunteer for a work bee.
- d) Virginia relayed a question from Richie about the Weights and Measures cabinet which is currently in the shed in East Hawley. John will talk with Richie about the possibility of moving it to The Grove.
- e) Regarding the Special Town Meeting to address Hawlemont – apparently the Charlemont Selectboard is irritated that they had not heard of this earlier, and has not set up a Special Town Meeting yet.
- f) FRCOG is working on creating an inventory of all bridges and culverts in the county. They provided a map to verify the locations of all bridges and major culverts. Bob will review this with Richie. John requested a copy of the end product for the Town. Lloyd added that it would be a good opportunity to make a list of all culverts that will need replacement over the next few years so that they can all be listed on a Bundled Notice of Intent.
- g) Rick reported on the Communications Committee. Two members had a promising visit to Royalston to see a cable core to wireless infrastructure that appears to be less expensive than the WiredWest proposal. Hussain mentioned that the State wants to use this as a cookie cutter alternative. This issue is whether this will work with Hawley topography. Rick mentioned that they had received a \$5,000 planning grant solicitation from MBI.
- h) Betty approached the Board because she is setting up the computer for salaries for the next fiscal year and understands that people who are on an hourly rate are getting an increase, and is “appalled” that she did not get a cost of living increase. Rick explained that the Personnel Committee will be meeting soon, and will discuss this. Betty requested something listing the salaries and rates of pay of personnel that is signed by someone with authority.
- i) Lloyd mentioned that the Planning Board will be holding a hearing on July 23 about the Solar Bylaw. Then, depending on the feedback at that hearing, we may be ready for a Town Meeting vote.
- j) Lloyd mentioned that Berkshire East may be looking into developing “Holiday Hills”. He asked if we had any record of it being permitted years ago. The original proposal in the 1970s or so is what inspired the development of the Subdivision Bylaws.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

John Sears

Philip Keenan

Robert MacLean