

Town of Hawley, Massachusetts  
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – July 15, 2015

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Bob Maclean – Board  
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant  
Pam Shrimpton, Hussain Hamdan, Chris Tirone, Karen Axtel (MassDOT), Jim Hall (MacFarland Johnson), Dick Ohmann, Sarah Ohmann

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Phil Keenan, who agreed to chair the meeting until John Sears arrived.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrant
  - a. Final FY15 warrant – warrant 41 was approved.
  - b. Second FY16 warrant – warrant 2016-02 was approved.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – Minutes from June 16 and 30 were reviewed and accepted.
3. Update on progress of Forge Hill Road – The project is underway.
4. Update on progress of Savoy Road Bridge (Karen Axtell and Jim Hall – MassDOT) – Karen explained the process that needed to be followed in order to proceed with the project. The layout of the road needs to be officially accepted in order to accept federal funds. Funds will be reallocated in mid-September if the project is not progressing. The Board agreed to proceed. The project needs to be advertised by September 17, and a Right of Way Certificate must be issued before it can be advertised. Virginia will draft a warrant for the Board to sign on Tuesday, July 21 and the Special Town Meeting could be scheduled for Wednesday, August 5 at 7pm at the earliest. There will be an article to accept the layout of Savoy Road, and to acquire easement parcels by whatever means required.
5. Update on progress of Middle Road in State Forest – No change.
6. Update on progress of potential beaver issue – Dick Ohmann reported that LaBelle Road had washed out maybe three times over the past 50 years, and none of those were due to beaver activity.
7. Discuss procedures for issuing one-day event permit – Virginia will need to follow up with Glen Ayers and possibly ABCC for more information.
8. Discuss procedures relating to condemned structures – will review and discuss at next meeting.
9. Any other business not reasonably anticipated prior to posting agenda
  - a) Virginia reminded the Board about the paving bid opening scheduled for August 4 at 7:30pm.

- b) Hussain reported that the Communications Committee will be meeting with Axia on Monday, and within the next few weeks will be applying for a MBI planning grant.
- c) Chris Tirone will check in with Kevin about the Veterans District meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

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John Sears

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Philip Keenan

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Robert MacLean