

Town of Hawley, Massachusetts
Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting – August 11, 2015

Present: Phil Keenan, John Sears, Bob Maclean – Board
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant
Pam Shrimpton, Rick Kean, Chris Tirone, Lisa Turner, Lark and Beth Thwing

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

1. Review and signing of treasury warrant – warrant 2016-04 approved unanimously.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – minutes from July 15, 28, and August 4 bid opening were accepted with minor corrections.
3. Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request paperwork (Middle Road resurfacing) – paperwork reviewed and signed as needed.
4. Confirm paving bid award; sign agreement – agreement signed.
5. Review status of old business items:
 - a. Savoy Road Bridge project status – Phil made a motion to accept the donated easements; Bob seconded; easement accepted unanimously. Virginia reported that Donna is finishing the Easement Deeds, which Virginia will have signed by the landowners, and will record at the Registry of Deeds as soon as possible. The project is on schedule.
 - b. Beaver issue update (West Hill Road) – As wash out is not imminent, the Board opted to watch and wait.
 - c. Recall Act and Solar Bylaw development – Nothing new to report yet.
 - d. Communications Committee update – Discussed proposal of installing a wireless transmitter tower at the Town Office. John stated that it is important to get feedback from the townspeople, and requested that Lark draft something to be emailed out to the list. This would be a test system with a short tower at the Town Office to prove that the concept works at no cost to the town.
 - e. Personnel Committee update – Rick reported that the Committee has interviewed one person, and is checking references – no recommendation yet.
 - f. Vocational busing – John reported that we have three students – two for Smith and one for Franklin. Vocational Education Advisory Committee is in the process of charting routes. The Committee is also planning on continuing to buy gas in Ashfield for the pertinent buses.
6. Any other business not reasonably anticipated prior to posting agenda
 - a. Lisa Turner relayed that Elvira Scott had asked if anyone ever stepped forward to create a town flag – she is willing to work along with Lisa to design a flag with the main focus being on the kiln. Pam is also willing to help. John will get specs to Lisa.

b. Rick proposed a letter to be sent by the Board to the other 17 small underserved towns to push for supplemental funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Administrative Assistant

Minutes accepted by Board of Selectmen:

John Sears

Philip Keenan

Robert MacLean