

Town of Hawley, Massachusetts  
Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting – October 20, 2015

Present: John Sears, Phil Keenan, Bob Maclean – Board  
Virginia Gabert – Administrative Assistant  
Pam Shrimpton, Rick Kean, Pete Mitchell, Hussain Hamdan, Diane Broncacchio,  
Jim Drawe, Chris Hatch (MBI), Bill Stafus (Crocker Communication), Trevor  
Mackie (Charlemont), Bob Handsaker (Charlemont), Eric Nakajima (MBI), Bob  
& Brandon Root, Chris Tirone

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

1. Review and signing of treasury warrant – warrant 2016-09 was reviewed and approved.
2. Review of prior meeting minutes – Minutes from September 22 were reviewed and accepted.
3. Meet with MBI (Director Nakajima and others) – 1 hour – Eric Nakajima summarized what MBI was doing; Rick explained the position the Town was in. Eric Nakajima stated that if the Town had an alternatives analysis that indicated that a particular alternative was feasible, he is willing to see what MBI can do to support it.
4. Appoint Rick Kean to be Alternate Delegate to WiredWest – Rick was appointed.
5. Discuss letter of support for financing last mile fiber networks – Letter of support was reviewed and signed.
6. Act upon request for special license to permit Pete Mitchell to sell Headwater Cider for off-site consumption at his orchard during Cider Days (Nov. 7 & 8) – Special Permit was issued.
7. Discuss timing for next special town meeting (to vote on Solar Bylaw and Recall Bylaw, and any other business to come before the Town) – Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00pm. Virginia will draft articles. Rick suggested setting aside 10 minutes for a demonstration of the new website.
8. Review work authorization for Landfill sampling – This will exceed the current appropriation – and article will be added to the Special Town Meeting warrant to appropriate additional funds. John agreed to sign, but will need to look at the results and meet to discuss the testing schedule.
9. Sign final paperwork for FEMA reimbursement for East Road – The original East Road contract had expired, so as a technicality a new contract needed to be signed.
10. Discuss possibility of joining FRCOG for bidding vs adding rental equipment to standard annual bid process – This will be discussed during the meeting with Greg and Richie on November 10. A copy of the FRCOG bid should be sent to each of them in advance so that they can review and be prepared to comment.

11. Any other business not reasonably anticipated prior to posting agenda
- a. Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) drill on October 31 – should have Board of Health participation. John and Phil will be there; Bob will try to make it. Virginia will be coordinating the rabies clinic portion of the drill.
  - b. John reported on the VEAC meeting in Plainfield this morning. They are working on setting a deadline for applications (proposing March 21), review and approval, as well as giving the Towns the opportunity to have input on acceptances. The Committee is also considering recommending pushing Annual Town Meetings to later in May.
  - c. Bob reported that he had spoken with Richie – Forge Hill Road is now done, but paving cannot happen this fall so it will be on schedule for the spring. John expressed concern about culvert size along Forge Hill Road. Bob assured him that the culverts had been upsized. The road will just need to be maintained on a more regular basis in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

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