

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen – June 22, 2015

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Attending for the Board was J. Huebner and S. Lennon.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, J. Huebner made a motion to accept the minutes from June 15, 2015. S. Lennon seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously. T. Drugmand asked for a copy of the minutes. J. Huebner gave her signed documents to copy.
3. J. Huebner announced that guests from the Hinsdale Salvation Army Services Unit are here tonight to share the services available through the organization then introduced Ray Bolduc and Cathy Turner. Mr. Bolduc stated that he is an Emergency Manager and Firefighter in Hinsdale and that Ms. Turner is an EMT with the Hinsdale Fire Department. In this capacity they have come across people who were in distress during the winter months due to heating bills, electric bills or other problem but didn't know what to do. They starting investigating and found that The Salvation Army has programs available but no one knew about it adding that it is a one shot deal per situation. Ms. Turner mentioned a number of services that there are many good food pantries in the area, almost every Church, The Christian Center has fresh vegetables, meat and cereal to pick from, some provide only what you need, That the SASU has an agreement with Stop n Shop, O'Connell Oil, Clifford Oil, six propane companies and a wood company, vouchers for baby food, prescriptions, clothing, bus fair and vouchers for furniture at the Salvation Army. Individuals contact Jennifer Kimball, Minister of Congregational Church. J. Huebner asked that the services provided that publish in the Tracks. J. Huebner will submit something to the Tracks and asked that J. Hostetter post documents on the bulletin board and the Town website.
4. J. Huebner read for the record correspondence from Catherine Grady of the CBRSD regarding Cullen Fisher's Emma Bailey Scholarship award. He was presented with the \$200.00 award notification during the June 4, 2015 Class Night ceremonies.
5. J. Hostetter reported that she has resumed scanning working on 2009 and older. The Board asked that she continue submitting a weekly report.
6. J. Huebner asked for an update on J. Nelson.
7. V. Cormier stated that the house on Frost Road that has bottles and cans in the yard because as a Boy Scout leader he collects can and bottles for the Boy Scout Troop.
8. J. Huebner stated for the record that P. Clarks email to Holden requesting more information on Cross Place Road and that they speed up the process was forwarded to Holden along with language stating that they are close to breach of contract as some things should have been done months ago. P. Clark reported that he received revised documents on Friday that he spoke to Holden today and was involved in their conversation with DOT. DOT in Lenox indicated that in their opinion that there are deficiencies in the documents. Holden is attempting to address the deficiencies once they get final comments from DOT, which hired a separate company to review the plans. P. Clark informed the Board that he reviewed their Notice of Intent and suggested that they are deficient in water quality certification 401 permitting process. Holden is looking into that. They are submitting

paperwork to the Army Corp of Engineers regarding an endangered species (long nose bat). P. Clark informed the Board that he verbally expressed disappointment, indicated that the memo from DOT is just the first phase, that there will be two or three submission. The Board asked if the process is going through District One and if DOT is being difficult. P. Clark did not believe so as the Hydrology study and technical report were all topics discussed in meeting with DOT in Boston months ago, that final documentation needs original thought. P. Clark stating that he does not see DOT approval for two months that the Town will miss this year's construction season. There was discussion on what would need to be done to get the Cross Place Road Bridge done this year and a reasonable deadline to impose. P Clark stated if Holden has to go through the Water quality certification process the Division of Fisheries and Wild Life will establish when construction can enter the stream with removal in early October, the bid phase is two months and they need an easement from the property owner for alternate road. It does not look good for this year. There was discussion on what should be done with Holden. J. Huebner will ask Town Counsel to review the contract and contact them to apply pressure to fill the contract. P. Clark added that Holden is on a learning curve as they have never filed a Notice of Intent in Massachusetts, then stated that he does not want to become their project manager.

9. P. Clark reported that he and D. Fish went through the Capital Budget then D. Fish reported that Chapter 90 funds will be used to replace culvert pipe and small catch basins under \$10,000.000, that most of the cost is for materials. Chapter 90 funds will also be used for Blotz Road that bore samples have been done, it will be reclaiming with a two inch overlay and on a county bid hopefully in July. D. Fish then informed the Board that he stopped at the Hinsdale Highway Garage spoke to crew members but still needs to talk to Superintendent so he will stop by again. J. Huebner stated that it would be ideal to coordinate efforts. There was discussion regarding the section of road between Washington and Dalton and between Plunkett Road and Route 8. There was discussion on completion of a maintenance plan. D. Fish stated that there is a schedule of grading times, repairs of culvert pipes need a notice of intent, ledge may hinder the storm drain repair on Johnson Hill and Upper Valley Roads. P. Clark informed the Board that they've talked about improving the process for Chapter 90 funds to take better advantage of that program. The Board would like to see a more formal plan and asked P. Clark and D. Fish to continue work on it, the Board needs a clear idea of what needs to be done and when to get ahead of stuff so we do not have to rebuild or close roads.
10. J. Huebner stated that there was nothing new to report on Summit Hill Road Bridge but that he is confident with M. Moore.
11. J. Huebner reported that the Town's has not yet been invited to the pre-construction meeting on Washington Mountain Road and that he will contact Mark Moore of the DOT for an update as it has been almost a month.
12. The Board discussed with D. Fish repair of the culvert sink hole on Washington Mountain Road near the little red school house. D. Fish stated that the Highway Crew have a lot of things to do, asked why do something that is going to be done over adding that it's a waste of man hours. J. Huebner asked D. Fish to make sure it is safe as the road will not be done for a couple months so the Town has to make sure it is safe until then.
13. The Board asked D. Fish if the rope on flag pole had been replaced. D. Fish informed the Board that T. Johnson took care of it.

14. J. Huebner asked if D. Fish had talked to CSX regarding the flooding on the L'Holte property. D. Fish has not as the flooding is currently on the L'Holte's property and not a town road adding that the dip over the culvert near their property has been filled.
15. P. Clark updated the Board on the progress made on Eden Glen that everything is proceed as planned as far as the mitigation measures and Notice of Intent is concerned, survey is complete, need to work on details with manufacture of the culvert pipes. The previously created berm going down the right had side of the hill as well as the intersection with Frost Road and catch basins have been incorporated into the plan.
16. J. Huebner asked P. Clark if the Lovers Lane culvert is in good shape. P. Clark replied that the bridge was done in 1994 that some concrete needs to be repaired but currently not in danger of failing. The Board asked D. Fish to put permitting and repairs to the bridge into the context of the maintenance plan. There was discussion on maintenance plan, things making the list and when, prioritizing to get everyone on the same page to prevent second guessing.
17. J. Huebner asked P. Clark if he had inspected the dam yet. P. Clark replied not yet.
18. The Board discussed with D. Fish situations that came up while he was on vacation asking if he had talked to P. Mikaniewicz about burning and dumping activity. D. Fish told the Board that the wood came from the town and Mapleview property, that he was asked to stop burning and he did adding that there were also fires that evening at Summit Hill Campground during the 'no burn' order and that he has not seen a formal complaint yet. J. Huebner clarified that this was not a conversation regarding the complaint, that it's a discussion on how to dispose of town wood, when and where can it be burned asking if D. Fish asked for a permit for the town. D. Fish replied that the Fire Chief gives out one permit a year, to have a fire in the Town Park for the Pumpkin Walk, that the town cannot have a burning permit. D. Fish stated that he had a fire as resident not a town official. There was discussion on the brush that was trucked into his property with D. Fish stating it was from both his personal property and town property. J. Huebner reminded D. Fish that as an official of town when your start mingling personal and town business you can get into trouble, get the Town in trouble, that the Board will discuss this further next week. D. Fish stated that he was not being sneaky, he didn't think it was a problem and thought he was doing a favor for the town.
19. J. Huebner asked for clairication regarding a problem with gravel and October Mountain Road. D. Fish stated that DCR stopped by Thursday with a letter informing the Town of \$10,000.00 for gravel and he asked D. Fish to contact White Wolf Trucking to setup a time with Craig to deliver. When D. Fish and T. Johnson stopped by White Wolf, talked C. Willis about the letter then C. Willis said that he was going to call the Ethics Commission because D. Fish wasn't doing business with White Wolf because of who C. Willis voted for, because of the Rose Borgnis for Selectmen sign on his property. D. Fish said that he did not stay and argue and that to date the Town has spent over \$13,000.00 with White Wolf so far. The Board asked T. Johnson if he could confirmed the events as represented and he replied yes. J. Huebner asked D. Fish if he had made any representation about Craig Willis to the man from DOT? D. Fish replied that nothing bad was said to DOT regarding Craig by himself or any member of the Highway Crew.

20. J. Huebner informed D. Fish that there will be a discussion next week regarding the overtime budget that he should talk to K. Lew about fixing that process.
21. T. Drugmand informed the Board that she and D. Fish met on Saturday, they had a good conversation as neighbors, do not want to infringe on each other's privacy that they will figure out a way to work together that he said he would take care of the debris and she trust that he will and that she thinks he has made strides with the great work on the driveway and mowing.
22. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of a completed review for T. Johnson and A. Souhland then asked J. Hostetter for to provide for next week an updated list of reviews and the FY2016 appointment list.
23. J. Huebner motioned to approve the monthly selectboard letter for July. S. Lennon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
24. K. Lew informed the Board that in addition to big transfer happening at the Special Town Meeting there are a couple of small transfers to be done on July 13, 2015.
25. D. Fish asked if the Board signed the Chapter 90 reimbursement documentation. J. Huebner replied they did not then asked D. Fish to get the Board the documents from D. Parnell.
26. J. Huebner announced that the Becket Athenaeum is holding a Silent Auction now through July 18th, he recommended that everyone stop by the Athenaeum for details, see the Antheneum Voice or website. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to post.
27. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to post the Westfield Wild and Scenic River meeting notice then read from the project section regarding Savery Brook where re-issuance of the permit was authorized and Cross Place Road where they will coordinate and send comments back to Holden Engineering. There was discussion on the Savery Brook culvert by the little red schoolhouse and the one by the Fox house.
28. J. Huebner will fill in the Massachusetts Survey on Muncipal Programs and Practices to address the opioid crises.
29. J. Huebner read correspondence from Sean Cronin, Deputy Commissioner of Local Service for MA DOR. The Town in accordance with provisions of Chapter 244 will receive \$95,528.36 payment in lieu of taxes from the city of Pittsfield for water supply use of land in Washington. That amount is up slightly from last year.
30. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of an invoice from the town of Becket in the amount of \$250.00 for Fire Department services.
31. J.Huebner asked J. Hostetter to post resources sent by the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambeling to promote voluntary self exclusion from casinos opening in the area.
32. Nothing new on the pipeline. T. Drugmand asked for an update on invoices paid. J. Huebner reported that all towns argeed to \$4,950.00 for calendar 2015. It is a Berkshire issue, that everyone is spending the same amount.

33. The Board signed the Chapter 90 reimbursement forms.

34. J. Huebner motioned to adjourn at 8:15 PM. S. Lennon seconded and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Hostetter