

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen – June 29, 2015

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Attending for the Board was J. Huebner, M. Case and S. Lennon.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, J. Huebner made a motion to accept the minutes from June 22, 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. There will be discussion on the progress of the Little Red School House and telephone system when J. Nelson returns.
4. Ed Bond asked the Board for permission to put the crosswalk back on Frost Road near his home then cited a couple of near misses as he was crossing the road to garden. There was discussion on the best way or ways to slow vehicles down when traveling both up and down Frost Road with E. Bond volunteering to research various signs then get back to the Board.
5. The Board discussed with P. Clark and D. Fish cleaning out Eden Glen and disposal the Town's brush and downed trees, the option of using a removal service at \$100 per ton with the discussion to chip what can be chipped and make the pile assessable for residents to take. There was discussion on where to put it pile with the decision to create an area in the rear of the Transfer Station and advertise free mulch in the Tracks. There was discussion on if wood chips are considered hazardous waste referring to acid breakdown with Board deciding it best to mound the mulch on top of a tarp even though wood mulch is currently not considered hazardous waste.
6. J. Huebner reported that the Summit Hill Road Bridge is on the TIP list assigned job number 605350.
7. J. Huebner reported that he spoke to M. Moore at the DOT regarding the pre-construction conference for Washington Mountain Road. The conference will not be held until the end of July. Both J. Huebner and D. Fish will attend. The construction phase may be put off for a season. J. Huebner asked D. Fish to address the problem with the culvert near the Little Red School House since the road will not be completed for some time. D. Fish reported that the sink hole was filled and the dip in the road covered. V. Cormier stated that the other side of the road is now washing out. The Board asked P. Clark to inspect the area for recommendations. V. Cormier also informed the Board that the culvert near her house is also bad, that she heard it crack when a car went over and it is sinking creating a dip. V. Cormier told the Board that cars of folks attending a wedding at the Chapel parked on both side of the road as far as the Fox's residence, that she guided folks around that area. There was discussion on parking now that Bucksteep Manor is not available with the Board agreeing that there is an issue deciding that there should be traffic control. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to contact the Chapel Commission asking that they notify anyone booking a wedding event to also hire police protection for parking. M. Case added that the service is a four hour minimum. E. Bond said that Dom Sacco is going to move their family monument from the Bucksteep grounds into Pittsfield.
8. J. Huebner asked P. Clark if the current Holden plans are something that can be built on with P. Clark agreeing that the Town does not have anything that can be used to obtain permits. Give them a couple of weeks. There was a brief discussion on holding payment on an outstanding invoice and recovery of funds already paid. The contracts said that they would do it in 120 days, they have not been communicating very well.

9. J. Huebner entered into the record that he had completed the Opioid survey for MMA.
10. J. Huebner on behalf of the Board signed the Vadar Contract extending the service one more year ending June 30, 2016.
11. P. Clark reported on the continuing to work on Eden Glen application. The survey of the property lines is complete and the critical corners to the adjacent properties will be marked. A letter will be sent out later this week reporting on his inspection of the dam and that he has documentation on file stating that the dam is not a jurisdictional dam.
12. The Special Town Meeting began at 7:30 PM.
13. Phil and Dave working on the Highway Maintenance plan. Phil is also working on writing a MA grant for Eden Glen.
14. Finance Committee raised concerns regarding overtime. When the account was changed overtime hours were budgeted for the winter not summer and there is overtime being charged. There needs to be a conversation on what amount should be budget, what is valid and not valid, use what happened in the past to figure out what to do next year. Cannot go back to where it was because overtime data was buried, it was Winter Roads during the winter and Roads and Bridge during the summer making it hard to budget for man hours. There was additional discussion on overtime with D. Fish informing the Board that overtime is charged for any after hour call outs, weather emergencies, State Police calls, and downed trees then asked what can be done in the meantime. J. Huebner asked D. Fish to attend the next Finance Committee meeting to resolve the issue and to continue to put it in as overtime for now, we will figure out what to do.
15. M. Case reported that he stopped into Mr. Clark's office, the Pittsfield Veteran Agent who is willing to work as the Town's Veteran Agent and whose secretary is willing to come here on an appointment basis. Residents can also go to Pittsfield City Hall. The cost would be approximately \$3.00 per resident. K. Lew asked in there would be an issue with the appointment meeting requirements mentioned by P. Blake regarding Pittsfield's non-district status and having a certified presence in town. There was additional discussion without decision.
16. There was nothing new to report on the acquiring land for cemetery use.
17. J. Huebner reported that two residents have expressed interest in flagmen work. P. Mikaniewicz and J. Hostetter.
18. Chief Breen informed the Board that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has rules and regulations regarding flagmen. Unless you are union you have to be certified in the State. Every person has to have the training, have to be uniformed, have radios and a number of other things adding that training is a five week course. C. Breen cautioned the town's involvement, suggested leaving things alone. T. Drugmand requested a copy of the paperwork C. Breen referenced for the Board to review. The Board will put it on the next agenda and asked that C. Breen have paperwork for them to review. M. Case suggested asking questions about flagmen during the pre-conference meeting.
19. D. Fish reported that he spoke with the Hinsdale Superintendent, who is planning on doing something with Pittsfield/Kirchner Road but is not sure when or what it will be. D. Fish explained his plan was going to put it on a

town bid and get here. There was discussion on the members of the Hinsdale Selectboard and the meeting date. J. Huebner will reach out to the Board for an opinion on Kirchner Road to coordinate efforts

20. D. Fish reported that he has not spoken to P. Greene regarding illegal curb cuts. The Board asked that he not wait much longer.
21. There was discussion on the needed repairs to the damaged platform along the metal and plastic recycling container at the Transfer Station with D. Fish requesting someone with certification look at it as it doesn't look safe. The Board asked E. Bond to take a look at the platform.
22. J. Hostetter reported that the USDA Survey is not complete that she needs explanation of some survey questions.
23. J. Huebner said that there was nothing new to report on Bucksteep.
24. Ed Bond asked S. Lennon to see if he could arrange help from the Sheriff's Department regarding scraping, sanding and painting the Old Town Hall. After a brief discussion S. Lennon stated that he would look into it.
25. J. Huebner will be attending the MPO meeting this week and will report back.
26. The Board reviewed the Appointment spreadsheet correcting the spelling of Eyal Shapiro. The Board then discussed appointees with M. Case asking if Chapel Commission members Cynthia Taylor and Doreen Jewel live in town with Chief Breen answering that Cynthia Taylor lives in either Lenox or Lenoxdale but has property in the town. After further discussion the Board tabled decision on their appointment. The Board discussed if Barbara Keys and Vera Cormier were appointed to a three year term or M. Case and S. Lennon's unexpired term with the Board deciding on a three year term expiring in 2018. The board put K. Walls back down for Conservation Commission and Jeff Sawtelle down for the Council on Aging. They removed the Veterans Agent appointment as it will be a matter of contract. There was discussion, without change is status, regarding J. LaPier as the Electrical Inspector with M. Case remembering a couple residents issue. J. Huebner moved to accept the appointment list as amended with S. Lennon seconded the motion that passed by unanimous vote.
27. P. Clark asked the J. Huebner to sign paperwork for the self-verification (sub-notification process) for the Army Corp of Engineers regarding Cross Place Road.
28. The Board began the annual review of Superintendent Fish at 8:16 PM. J. Huebner read an Email from Holden Engineering regarding past due payment. J. Huebner will hold until a decision is made on whether or not to continue with Holden.
29. Glen Grogan asked what the Town planned on doing regarding the Veterans Agent as there are deadlines approaching on the submittal of paperwork. J. Huebner asked Glen Grogan to contact P. Blake.
30. J. Huebner entered into the record that Pittsfield received the bill for in lieu of taxes.
31. J. Huebner reported that in the latest issue of Berkshire Magazine, James Taylor stated in the article that he lives in Washington.

32. G. Grogan informed the Board that he received a resume of an individual in search of maintenance and repair work. The Board asked G. Grogan to file for future reference.

33. J. Huebner motioned to adjourn at 8:30 PM. S. Lennon seconded and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted, Jodi Hostetter