

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: August 8, 2016
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

This meeting is recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes and is video recorded.

Present at the head table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner and Selectman Brazie. Also present were Marj Wexler, Eileen Vining, Tom Sierau, Steve Agar and for parts of the meeting Chet Delaney and Helen Krancer.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 25 and July 28 meetings were accepted with minor corrections.

CITIZENS TIME:

Chet Delaney attended to seek permission to plan a memorial tree in French Park. The Board approved the request and asked that Mr. Delaney coordinate closely with Town Hall as to type of tree and location at the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted to have the Police Chief do the school crossing as long as he feels is able to but at least for 6 months. Mr. Wood will be asked to remain as a substitute.

Sandra Martin was not present so her comments regarding the proposed village district bylaws and the common driveway bylaw was not discussed.

Helen Krancer said that the Planning Board has not written its report from the bylaw hearing and did not know when it would be completed.

The Board agreed that Mount Washon residents could continue to utilize Egremont's Transfer Station to drop items that are charged for, not for solid waste. A system that requires the MW residents to get some sort of decal from the MW Town Hall will be established. Juliette Haas, Sustainability Coordinator, will be consulted.

There is a possibility that Town Accountant Paul Lisi will need to change his at Town Hall from his current Friday 7am to 3pm to something that would have him less at town hall and do more work from home. His salary would lower accordingly. The Board is okay with this and wants to be kept informed if the change has to take place.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to sign a one-year agreement with Hampshire Power for electric aggregation.

The Board agreed to having a litigation strategy meeting with Town Counsel to discuss possible litigation against PERAC ..

The estimate for tree work at the South Egremont School was approved and the work will be scheduled for before school starts on August 29.

There will be no Tuesday morning meeting as Bruce will be out of town.

The Board has received a legal request for a dangerous dog hearing in regards to Jill Fleming's dog at 115 Baldwin Hill N/S. This was tentatively scheduled for later in the week if the posting requirements are able to be met.

Charlie Flynn reported that he has been delegated by the Open Space and Recreation Bylaw Committee to work with Berkshire Regional Planning Committee to draft a proposed bylaw for the fall town meeting.

The Board agreed to move forward with the furnace upgrade at the Library and the contract was signed.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Steve Agar said that the water line to the South Egremont School house comes in from the Lovejoy property is very old. He noted the Water Commissioners concern that this line may need to be replaced.

Steve asked the Board for the procedure to hire a new back-up operator as there isn't one at this time. The Board asked for a letter with a recommendation and said to include the license. It was again suggested that one our highway crew get their license. Steve also reported that Jim Olmsted is planning to retire August 1, 2017.

Steve also said that the Department needs to replace 1100' of 2" galvanized pipe on Route 23. The projected cost is projected to be \$300,000.

Steve reported that the Water Department had a record billing last month at over \$17,000. He said billing is about 80% of outflow. There are still leaks that are being looked for.

Steve also expressed concern over the water lines at the Mount Washington Road bridge. There are lines on both sides but only one side is operational. Mary will make sure that the engineer talks with Jim Olmsted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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