

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: November 21, 2016
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the head table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner and Selectman Brazie.
Also present for part of the meeting was Melody Lamb.

The meeting was video and audio recorded.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 7 and 14 meeting were accepted with corrections.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

Melody Lamb, French Park Committee, presented a request for a new French Park sign at the entrance to the driveway. The cost is \$425. The Board approved the request. Melody will contact Bruce Turner regarding a possible metal donation collection box for the Dog Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to join the DEP Small Town Environmental Partnership.
Personnel Director Bill Tighe will coordinate.

The Board voted unanimously to sign the agreement for a two year premium plan for MIIA Property & Casualty Insurance. There will be no premium increase in FY 2018 and no more than a 2.5% increase in FY 2019.

The Board agreed to William Wood taking November 29 as his second Thanksgiving Holiday day and December 22 as the second Christmas Holiday day.

The Board agreed to schedule the Berkshire County Educational Task Force on the agenda for the January 15 meeting.

Chairman Flynn will draft a letter to the School committee in response to Charlie Ketchen's email to the Committee asking them to consider closing the South Egremont School. The Board reiterated its support of the school and will fight its closing. As well the Board signed a letter to the School Committee reiterating its request for information on the current budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

The town cannot hold the conservation restriction on the Cashin property as that would be a conflict with holding the title. The Egremont Land Trust has said that it is not interested in holding the conservation restriction on the former Cashin property as they feel they can't steward the property properly. Berkshire Natural Resources has been contacted to see if they are interested.

Tom Berkel will be asked to serve as the substitute representative to the SBRSD Superintendent Search Committee.

The Board approved the amended Legal Counsel policy that will be distributed to all town officials.

The Board approved the planting on the Village Green of a Tulip tree to honor the work of Ursula and Walter Cliff. The honor is being paid for by the Mahawie Theatre Performing Arts Group.

The Board approved the payment of a \$200 on-call monthly fee to the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent for this 2016-2017 winter. This may be re-evaluated in the future.

The Board approved a recommendation by Personnel Director Bill Tighe to declare the Buildings and Grounds laborer position a part-time position making it clear that person gets sick leave and holiday pay but not vacation time.

The Board agreed to purchase one bench for French Park that is made from recycled plastic materials.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Selectmen Brazie reported that the Town has signed on to the ME Hydro Managed product from Hampshire Power for a 6 month period under the Colonial Power Aggregation agreement.

The Board will meet on December 5 and 19 in December. Budget may be worked on during a day time workshop meeting that will make it easier to talk with department heads.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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