

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: January 31, 2017  
Time: 9:02am  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner, Selectman Brazie,  
Also present for part of the meeting was Road Superintendent James Noe, and others as per the attached  
sign in sheet.

This meeting is audio and visually recorded.

The Board discussed the Highway Department budget with Jim Noe. He plans to resurface Baldwin Hill West and the OxBow in 2017 at an approximate cost of \$120,000. He will use Chapter 90 to do these two projects, as well as others. The Board talked about the need to look at the town's bridges though according to state inspection there are no imminent problems. A new tractor will be budgeted for at an approximate cost of \$30,000. A used tractor will be purchased if a good one can be found. The cost to make the surplus truck road worthy is about \$45,000. This will be put on the town meeting warrant. The Board would like to split the Highway budget into two accounts: Construction/Maintenance and Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs. The new truck should arrive in March, April at the latest. In FY 19 the Department will need to replace its front line 4-wheel drive truck.

At 9:23am MassBroadband representative Peter Larkin joined the meeting. On the phone were MBI General Counsel Ed Donnelly and Technology Committee member Jeff Lazarus.

Mr. Larkin updated the Board on the MBI process and the status of the review of proposals received. Mr. Larkin urged the Town to consider moving forward with the cable company Charter as they were currently the most viable option being offered through MBI as far as financial viability and sustainability. Mr. Larkin made it clear that no MBI funds will be given unless an organization can prove its viability and sustainability. At this time neither Fiber Connect or Matrix have proven that. If the Town were to opt into the Charter proposal a contract should be signed by June of 2017 and the build out complete in 2.5 years with users going on line as the build out moves along. The Town will not consider this option unless it is guaranteed a seat the negotiations and the build out can be complete in 18 months from the date of signing the contract.

Charlie Flynn will be Peter Larkins contact on the Board with Jeff Lazarus as the contact on the Technology Committee.

The Board nominated Bruce Turner to be the Town Representative to the SBRSD Negotiation Subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47am.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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