

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: October 10, 2017  
Time: 7:00pm  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Bruce Turner, Vice-Chairman McGurn, Selectman Brazie.

Others in attendance: Corely Wiley(Berkshire Record), Daniel Poydenis(NuGen Solar), Juliette Haas, Kathy O'Malley, Mary McGurn, Tyler Race, Maximilian Kolb.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

The Board interviewed Maximilian Kolb for the position of part-time Police Officer. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Kolb as a part-time Police Officer for a one-year probationary appointment.

Daniel Poydenis presented a proposed Solar purchase power agreement from his company NugEnd Solar. Mr. Poydenis agreed to a 20% discount with a floor of \$.065 for 20 years. The Board voted unanimously to negotiate with NuGen Solar for a purchase power agreement.

CITIZENS TIME:

Kathy O'Malley asked questions about Fiber Connect and Charter/Spectrum to help her make a decision on which company to obtain service from.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

George McGurn pointed out the "Come Photograph The Berkshire" book that includes photos from Egremont residents. He said that there is a group called the Berkshire Photo Gathering made up of local photographers. An article will be put in the upcoming newsletter about this.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with representatives from Mount Washington and Alford to discuss sharing of broadband service and other broadband issues, tentatively for Tuesday, November 7 at 7pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Technology Committee has requested a meeting with Charter/Spectrum to begin negotiations of the Cable Franchise License. They will keep moving forward as expeditiously as they can.

Fiber Connect has lit 20 homes in Egremont and will lite more as the week goes.

The Board approved the low quote from New England Service Company for the Water Department's Corrosion Control needs for the amount of \$3850. The Board will hold on the engineering

contract for the cracked retaining wall in order to determine the funding avenue for the project which is estimated at \$12,500.

Stephen Rawlings will be able to attend the October 11 SBRSD District Visioning meeting. It was noted that the district has formed a new Ad Hoc group to investigate the future of the district. The Board expressed an interest in this and Chairman Turner noted that as the towns form the district, the towns should be involved in this process.

**FOLLOW UPS:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve two contracts for services with Evelyn Cole Smith Architects, LLC for the South Egremont School house bidding and construction, \$4,400 and \$9,650 respectively.

Mass Department of Conservation & Recreation is butting out to bid the removal of the debris at the Prospect Lake boat access. The works should be done sometime in November.

**SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:**

The Library trustees have asked if the Board is planning a Special Town Meeting soon as they would like to propose a mid year raise for the Library Director. The Board has not plans for a town meeting at this time until some bylaw amendments are ready to go for a vote. The Board also said it wasn't policy to give employees mid-year raises and that the Trustees should make an appropriate recommendation to the Compensation Committee in a timely manner for consideration of FY 2019 pay increases.

Chairman Turner asked about the status of the new highway truck and tractor, and the new police cruiser. Vice-Chairman McGurn asked about the status of the blacktop for OxBow Road. Respective departments will be asked.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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