

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Corey Wiley(Berkshire Record),Paul Montgomery, Roger Meyer, Dan Smith, Van & Dean Forsman, Mary McGurn, Hans Carlson, Grace & Elliott Snyder, Jim Olmsted, John Wosczyzna, Adam Chait, Caroline Alexander, Terry Moore, Robert & Karen Climo, Lance Vermeulen, Marj Wexler, Kendal McTeigue, Susan Junta, Bruce & Susan Gventer.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

At 7:02pm the hearing on the application for a liquor license for Dan Smith, Inc. DBA John Andrews Farnhouse Restaurant was called to order. Mr. Smith explained that this was a change in corporate name and the manager. Services will remain as they have always been. Caroline Alexander, Terry Moore and Marj Wexler spoke in support of the application. Mary Brazie reported that the Police Department, Board of Health and Fire Department all reported that Dan was current on inspections and there were no issues. Mary also reported on an email thread in which two parties spoke against the issuance of the license due to some alleged noise issues, the other many emails were all in support. A search of Police records showed one incident in 2014 which was handled responsively by the owner and his staff. The hearing was closed at 7:07pm and the Board voted unanimously to approve the license pending the final approval of the ABCC.

At 7:15pm the hearing on the application for Phase 2 Grant of Location license for Fiber Connect was called to order. Adam Chait listed the roads on which the phase 2 build out will take place and noted that the build out will begin once Verizon and National Grid have completed the make ready though he had no time estimate. The hearing closed at 7:20pm. The Board voted to issue the grant of location permit. Vice-Chairman McGurn recused himself.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board debated the virtues of the two applicants for the position of Police Chief. It was voted unanimously to offer the position to Eric Josephson. He will be offered \$70,000 with a \$3,000 moving allowance, and the potential for a raise on July 1, 2018. Jason LaForrest will be assured that he was as qualified an applicant and will be offered the position if Mr. Josephson declines.

George McGurn presented the draft Recreation Overlay District Bylaw for the Committee. The Board voted unanimously to put this on the warrant for the March 27 Special Town Meeting and to send it to the Planning Board for hearing.

BUDGET/TOWN MEETING:

No further review of budgets took place. Mary will begin to draft a mock warrant for the Board

to review.

The preliminary school budget will be voted on this week.

An article will be added to the Special Town Meeting to transfer further funds for the foundation work at the South School House.

Chairman Turner asked that all highway vehicle maintenance/repairs, including all snow & ice vehicle/equipment repairs, be taken from the new Highway Vehicle Maintenance account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.


Mary Brazie
Office Administrator

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