

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: March 6, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall - upstairs
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: for parts of the meeting Erik Josephson, Carm Guarda, Peter Goldberg, Chet Delaney, Roger Brownson, Richard Allen, Lucinda Vermeulen, Marj Wexler.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

It was announced that the meeting is video.

Chairman Turner introduced Police Chief Erik Josephson and welcomed on board,

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

The Board interviewed Carm Guarda and Roger Brownson for the position of Highway Personnel member. The Board agreed that both applicants were highly qualified. The Board voted unanimously to offer the position to Carm Guarda at an appropriate rate of pay to be determined by the Personnel Director.

CITIZEN'S TIME:

Chet Delaney presented the Board with a request from residents behind Prospect Lake asking that the board allow the heads of the Police, Fire and Road to be confirm that the maintenance on Lakeside Drive and Second Street allows emergency vehicles to get to homes on those two private roads. The Board denied the request based on advise from Legal Counsel.

BUDGET/TOWN MEETING:

The Board made a final review of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. The warrant will be signed when the Finance Committee has given all its recommendations. The warrant must be posted on the 13th of March.

The Board reviewed budget items as follows:

Approved:

Health Insurance	\$249,667
Election wages	\$4,000 amended
Elizabeth Freeman Ctr	\$500
So. Berk. Reg Emer Plan	\$500
Tree Warden expense	\$24,000
Compactor Operation	\$86,450
Berkshire South Regional	\$2,000
Emergency Management Exp	\$1,600
Insurance P&C	\$122,065
Animal Control Expenses	\$1,000
Police Collective Bargaining	\$269,068

Police Chief Salary	\$75,000
Police Chief's Expenses	\$4,500
Police Adm Asst	\$18,055
Police Vehicle Exp	\$16,000
Police Dept Exp	\$10,000
Highway Construction & Main	\$185,300
Building Main General	\$16,680

Proposed as special article for road construction: \$50-75,000. Will discuss further as bottom line budget is reviewed.

The Board discussed the probable vote to close the South Egremont school. The board may propose a ballot question for the May, 2018 election as more people are likely to attend the election than the town meeting.

The Board will begin to include in the Mount Washington Fire Services fee all capital costs for the Fire Department.

A request was received from Lucinda Vermeulen on behalf of the Egremont Meeting House Committee asking to be allowed to make a brief presentation at the Annual Town Meeting. Chairman Turner thought that a short time period before the meeting started would be appropriate. This will be referred to the Moderator for his thoughts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Mary Brazis
Office Administrator



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