

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: April 23, 2018
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Mary McGurn, Juliette Haas, Steve Cohen, Laura Allen, Steve Rawlings.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 9th meeting were accepted as presented.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

At 6:30pm the Board reviewed the evaluation of Office Administrator Mary Brazie. Mary removed herself from the meeting table and took a seat in the audience. The review total was a 3.5 out of a 5. Chairman Turner asked Mary to set two goals for herself to accomplish over the next year, and Vice-Chairman McGurn suggested one of those goals be documenting information that can be used in the future in case Mary was to become unavailable for what ever reason.

At 7:00pm the Board discussed the upcoming Annual Town Meeting with Moderator Steve Cohen, Town Clerk Juliette Haas, and Finance Committee Chair Laura Allen. There are two articles that propose borrowing which are required to be by secret ballot. The Board will ask that one break for voting on both, which will be on separate ballots, be taken following article 6. Procedural strategies and logistics to assure an efficient process were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to increase, effective July 1, 2018, the medical benefits portion of the Police/Fire Special Risk policy from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000. The premium increase will be just over \$4,000.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

There has been no response from Charter/Spectrum regarding finalizing the cable franchise license. On Tuesday, April 24, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito will be in Egremont to discuss the Town's progress with Broadband.

There has been no schedule given for the foundation work at the South Egremont School. The oil tank has been removed. A building permit was not issued because the Building Inspector had some questions, which should be resolved by Tuesday, April 24.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Appointments to the Finance Committee will take place on May 8.

BUDGET/TOWN MEETING:

The Board decided to fund monetary articles as below”

- Article 4: \$12,000 Water Plant engineer - Raise and appropriate.
- Article 5: \$535,000 Mount Washington Road engineering - Borrow
- Article 6: \$200,000 Rescue Truck - Borrow
- Article 7: \$65,000 Bathroom upgrades at Town Hall - Free Cash
- Article 8: \$10,400 Salt Shed and Annex - Raise and appropriate
- Article 9: \$6,000 Sander/Spreader - Raise and appropriate
- Article 10: \$10,000 Fuel pump - Raise and appropriate
- Article 11: \$43,000 Police Vehicle - Raise and appropriate
- Article 12: \$10,000 Copier - Raise and appropriate
- Article 13: \$75,000 Road repairs - Stabilization Fund
- Article 15: \$5,000 Friends of Prospect Lake - Raise and appropriate
- Article 16: \$4,000 MACRS - Raise and appropriate
- Article 17: \$1,000 Book restorative - Raise and appropriate
- Article 18: \$5,000 GASB 45 - Raise and appropriate

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.


Mary Brazle,
Office Administrator

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