

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: May 22, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Mary McGurn, and for parts of the meeting Steve Agar, Ray Palmucci, Poly Lanoue, Nathan Stalker, Corey Wiley(Berkshire Record), John Wells, Jonathan Taylor, Rich Edwards, Adam Chait, Mark Roggen, Max Kolb, Erik Josephson, and Tim Schroeppfer.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

REORGANIZATION:

The Board voted unanimously that Bruce Turner would remain as Chairman, that George McGurn would remain as Vice-Chairman, and Mary Brazie would remain as clerk of the Board.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 1 and May 8 meeting were accepted as presented.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

The board interviewed Max Kolb for the position of Full-time Police Officer.

John Wosczyzna asked the Board why it hasn't responded to his letters to the Board asking for its help with the issues he is having with his neighbors and getting the Egremont Police Officers to make accurate reports. The Board noted that this is civil situation that has gone on for several years through two owners of the property neighboring Mr. Wosczyzna that Mr. Wosczyzna wastes the towns time on this civil issue and then complains about the responses and answers he is given. Mr. Wosczyzna finally left the meeting after he was asked to several times so the Board could move on to its other business.

The Board, with Chairman Turner recusing himself, interviewed Nathan Stalker for the position of Water Department Operator. After discussion it was voted 2 in favor, 1 recusal, to appoint Mr. Stalker provisionally for a 4 month probationary period. Mr. Stalker will obtain his licenses and won't be paid by the Town until July 1. He will train with the current operator until August 15.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board unanimously voted to appoint Max Kolb as a full-time officer contingent upon his successfully completing the Full-time Police Academy. Mr. Kolb's appointment will be renewed on June 30 and will be for a 1-year probationary period.

Chief of Police Erik Josephson reported that one of the new Part-time Officers is in ride along training. The other will start next week.

The Board approved the request of Boy Scout Troop 28 of Sheffield to camp at French Park near the Pavilion on June 29, and June 30th leaving the park on July 1st.

The Board unanimously accepted with regrets the resignations of “Rocky” Scarbro and Ralph Noveck from the Finance Committee. Letters of thanks will be sent.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the inter-departmental transfer of \$4,150 from the Litigation account to the Legal Fees account.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint George McGurn as the representative to the Regional Assessment Review SubCommittee for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. The Board appointed Steve Rawlings as the alternate.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board has received an amended draft Cable TV Franchise license from Charter/Spectrum which Attorney Soloman has further amended and made responses to Charter/Spectrum’s proposed changes. The Board will review for discussion at its meeting on June 5. The Board established the date for the public information hearing for June 23 at 10am at the North Egremont Fire Station.

Selectmen Brazie asked Mary McGurn if she was paid for work by Fiber Connect. Vice-Chairman McGurn responded that Fiber Connect is a client of Mary McGurn’s firm and she is paid for the public relations and advertising work she does for them. It was noted that Vice-Chairman McGurn should, at the least, file a disclosure with the Town Clerk’s office. Vice-Chairman McGurn said he would consult with legal counsel.

Vice-Chairman McGurn has put together a flow chart of five committees to form to review the Town’s General Bylaws. A note will be included in the next newsletter asking for residents to get involved.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Work is proceeding on the foundation repairs at the School House. An estimate of about \$13,000 was received for the additional sill work. In order to accommodate this additional expense, the gutters will be changed from Copper to Aluminum saving about \$8,000. Approval was granted by Mass Historic Commission to make this change.

Though the School Superintendent has stated in a public meeting that the program at the South Egremont School is moving forward for this fall as a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten program, reports are still coming in from parents who are being told by the district there is no program planned in South Egremont, or they don’t know what the program is or there is no bussing to the South Egremont School. Legal counsel will be kept breast of the issue.

SELECTMEN’S ITEMS:

The Board will march in the South Egremont Memorial Day Parade.

The Board wants to take a more active role in the Town’s birthday Celebration to be held on August 25.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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The recording of the minutes is on record at the Town Hall for 90 days. Anyone who wishes to may obtain a copy or listen to the recording at Town Hall. Attachments are on file at Town Hall.