

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: June 6, 2018  
Time: 7:00pm  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Logan Malik, Eileen Vining, Marj Wexler, Mark Roggen, Susan Bachedler, and for part of the meeting Stacy “Toni” Valentino.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 22 and May 29 meetings were accepted with minor corrections.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

The Board interviewed Stacy “Toni” Valentino for the position of summer seasonal weekend/alternate Transfer Station attendant. The Board appointed Mr. Valentino to the position and he will start work on June 16.

Susan Bachedler presented a complaint about signage lighting at several businesses in the South Egremont Village that she says are in violation of the Egremont zoning bylaw. The board disagreed in Susan’s interpretation of the Bylaw and noted that the Bylaw is severely outdated. If she is looking for zoning enforcement she should file a complaint with the Building Inspector.

Susan Bachedler suggested the Board contact MassDOT about their rumored plans to widen Route 23. The Town was just contacted to set up a kick-off meeting to begin the design plans for the reconstruction of Route 23 as it goes through the village. The Board agreed to suggest a meeting date of June 18 at 1pm.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Logan Malik, Conservation Commission, reported to the Board that the Commission was approached regarding the issue of the turtle ramp on the Route 41 bridge being detrimental to turtles. A group has been formed to help the turtles use the ramp. The Board suggested speaking with MassDOT and Fisheries/Wildlife. The town has no jurisdiction. The Board also expressed liability concerns with the undertaking.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lucinda Vermeulen has requested that Kenver be made an official Egremont Visitor Center. The Board supports and encourages this, but isn’t clear what Lucinda is looking for. Lucinda will also be put in contact with Betsy Andrus at the So. Berk. Chamber of Commerce as they have plans to erect visitor information kiosks around Egremont.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board would like to meet with Charter/Spectrum soon to, hopefully, finalize the franchise license. One remaining question is where does the 250' feet of service to homes start. Chairman Turner will contact Bill Solomon to clarify a few issues and another draft will be sent to Charter either Thursday or Friday.

Vice-Chairman McGurn noted that Personnel Director Bill Tighe has begun the process of goal setting for employees and has conducted some evaluation training.

Vice-Chairman McGurn has been seeking participants from Town Boards who will chair the different general bylaw review committees. One resident has already put his name forward for inclusion.

#### FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

The foundation at the South Egremont School has been poured. Our crew cut the grass on the outside of the fence in the front. Architect/Engineer Lyn Smith will be on site on Thursday at 10am. The program at the school is moving forward as an early-K, K program for the coming year, with an after school program privately sponsored. The School Committee voted to allow school choice students into the South Egremont School.

#### SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board will meet on the afternoon of June 18 following the meeting with MassDOT, the won't meet again until Monday, July 9 as Bruce and Mary will be away.

Vice-Chairman McGurn reported on the school assessment agreement subcommittee. Alford was not represented at the first meeting and some town's did not have a Finance Committee representative in attendance. The goal is to meet bi-weekly beginning June 21 to come up with an equitable assessment formula that will help to level out assessments so that's town are not experiencing large increases.

Vice-Chairman McGurn noted that the Berkshire Edge had a great article on upcoming retail marijuana sales in Great Barrington that has links to important information regarding the industry. He suggested the Selectmen get in up front on this because there is likely to be expenses to the town for enforcement, etc and because there is also a stream of revenue available to the town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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