

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2018
Time: 1:10pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Corey Wiley(Berkshire Record), Kristin Palpini(Berkshire Eagle), James Barnack(Jacobs Engineering), Becky Williamson(Jacobs), Amanda Alzaim(Jacobs), Sanja Gray(MassDOT), Peter Frier(MassDOT), Mark Moore(MassDOT), Jim Noe(Egremont Road Superintendent), James Olmsted, Police Chief Erik Josephson, David Seligman.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

Representatives from Jacobs Engineering and MassDOT explained that the MassDOT has been awarded funding for the reconstruction of Route 23/41 through the village of South Egremont, from Creamery Road to Route 41, for the Fiscal Year 2022. This meeting is the “kick-off” meeting before engineering is begun. MassDOT plans to upgrade paving, sidewalks, crosswalks, drainage and intersections. All work will take place within the road right-of-way so that no land takings will be required. The road may be widened to accommodate a bike lane on each side, meaning the road may go from 28' to 36' in some areas. The work should improve walkability by improving/extending the sidewalks and possibly adding a crosswalk near the fire station or church. Speed management will be considered as will access management to some businesses to improve safety. Drainage will be improved. Of particular concern in the area is the utilities, historic significance and environmental sensitivity. Three designs will be prepared in working with the town. In the fall of 2018 a preliminary design will be presented at a public hearing. Prior to that representatives of Jacobs Engineering and MassDOT will be working in the area and speaking with business owners. Town Officials expressed concern over the ability to widen the road, the placement of the new crosswalk, access to businesses that are very close to the road, bikers safety, layout of intersections and line of sight at same, safety of walkers on the sidewalks, and drainage issues. Traffic counts will be conducting this week before school lets out. Surveyors and Engineers will be working throughout the summer. Construction will take place in the spring of 2022.

At 1:45 MassDOT and Jacobs Engineering officials left the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 5 and June 6 meeting were accepted with a minor correction.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board made appointments as per the attached list.

The Board approved the request of a resident to donate a new, professional tennis court at French

Park. The construction will be coordinated to best benefit the donor and the Town. The estimated cost is \$175,000. The donor has assured the Town that he will not expect preferential treatment in anyway.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Anna Lucey of Charter/Spectrum has confirmed the receipt of the draft franchise license. She is to get back to the Board with dates for a phone meeting.

The School house will likely be lowered down onto the new foundation this week or early next week. Work is going well and will be done by the end of July. Plans to putting in a new oil tank and putting the playground equipment back will begin. The Architectural Access Board has notified the Town that it was unable to act on its request for a time waiver. It was found that person with the paperwork had gone on medical leave and not passed along the final paperwork. This paperwork will be resubmitted and a new meeting held to discuss the application will take place on July 2.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

Vice-Chairman McGurn will represent the Board at the French Park Community Gardens dedication on June 20.

Vice-Chairman McGurn has obtained agreement from the chairs of the Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Finance Committee to participate in the General Bylaws review committees. Also Bill Tynan for the Environmental issues. He will be ready for the Board to make these appointments on July 9.

At 2:09pm the Board voted in unanimous roll call vote to go into executive session as allowed by MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 1 and moved from the Town Hall to the Egremont Police Station. The Board will not return to open session.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

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.