

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: August 28, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Juliette Haas, Jim Noe, Jeff Cohen, Mary McGurn, Ted Nappo(Record), Lizzie Spalding, Catherine Hancock.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of both the July 30 and the August 6 meeting were accepted as presented.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

Jim Noe was present to talk about the complaint of Susan Warshaw of 14 Taconic Lane that the Town improperly and inappropriately trimmed trees in front of her house. SelectBoard Chairman Bruce Turner, Road Superintendent Jim Noe, and Tree Warden James Olmsted met with Ms. Warshaw on August 11 at which time it was agreed that 5 trees marked with blue will be removed at the town's expense and one stump at the corner of Ms. Warshaws driveway will be removed at the town's expense. Subsequent to the meeting Ms. Warshaw has sent multiple emails asking the town to do other work that was not agreed to. A letter will be sent to Ms. Warshaw spelling out the agreed to items.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Elizabeth Spalding and Carissa Mann as members of the Board of Registrars.

Catherine Hancock attended to seek permission for the Mahawie Group to have an event at the Dog Park on Friday, September 28 for a couple of hours in the afternoon. The event "Doggies of Distinction" will host about 30 people and 20 dogs and will be open to the public. Permission was granted along with permission for a tent to be put up outside the fenced dog area.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board accepted with deep regrets the resignation of Kyle Kemp from his position as full-time Police Officer. The Board will send a letter of thanks for Kyle's years of service to the Town.

The Board accepted the resignation of Part-time Police Officer in training Ashley Decker. A letter wishing her well in her future endeavors will be sent.

The Transfer Station attendant has expressed concern over traffic issues at the site and has asked for a review of the traffic flow and has asked if a police officer could monitor traffic at the site particularly on Sunday afternoons. The Board will ask his department head to discuss traffic flow with him and will ask the Police Department to have an officer monitor traffic when he can.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town meeting has passed the article giving the Board the authority to move forward with the proposed affordable housing project, but the article to borrow the funds was defeated. The Board will hold a joint meeting with the Housing Committee, Construct, and Legal Counsel on September 5 at 5:30pm to discuss avenues of moving forward with the proposed Affordable Housing project without the funding mechanism. The meeting will also spell out the scope of the Housing Committee.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

The School House has been cleaned, the alarm company was at the school house working on the alarm but no alarm system report has been received, and a group of parents are working on a plan for at least a new swing set if not more playground equipment. The Town has received a letter from the district asking for an update from the Board of Health on the 9/28/2010 South Egremont School Lead Report; asking the town to hire a certified lead inspector to certify that the premises are safe for use as a school, and asking for copies of the application for variances filed with the Architectural Access Board. Attorney Ken Gogel will be asked to respond.

Harald Scheid of RRG consulting, who the Town has contracted with for Assessor consultant, has recently rolled out the new virtual reality assessing kiosk in West Boylston. The Board is invited to go take a look. Harald would like to attend a Board meeting in September to speak with the Board about rolling it out in Egremont.

There has been response from Charter or MBI. A note will be sent to Charter the first week of September reminding them of the September 18 extension deadline.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board will meet on September 11 and September 24 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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.