

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: March 20, 2019
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Mary McGurn, Marj Wexler and for part of the meeting Vincent Granese.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

MINUTES:

Action on the minutes was suspended until the next regular meeting.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

Vincent Granese, Bay Communications III LLC, presented the draft Lease Agreement for the Wireless Telecommunications facility on Town Hall property. The terms of the agreement are for a 5625 square foot area on town hall property. The term of the lease will be for 25 years with five additional 5 year extensions. The monthly rental will be \$2,500 with a 5% increase in the 6th year and every 5th year thereafter. Each additional carrier beginning with the 2nd will increase the monthly rent by \$625. Bay Communications will pay the Town a \$100 administrative fee upon execution of the lease. A request for approval from the FAA will be the first step that Bay Communications will take upon execution. That will take 30-60 days for a response. From lease to permitting takes about 120-180 days. Construction will take 6 to 8 weeks. Verizon is the planned carrier, but there is a chance that T-Mobile might be a carrier. The Board voted to approve the lease agreement as drafted. Mr. Granese will send a memorandum of lease and an exhibit for the lease agreement. Mary Brazie will clean up the lease agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted to appoint John Springstube as Inspector of Animals for the term of one year, and to appoint Georgianna Springstube as an assistant.

The Board voted to award the Sander sale bid to Joe Schneider, the lone bidder, for the sum of \$325.

The Board voted to award the Driveway-Affordable Housing project bid to the low bidder Peck Construction Company in the amount of \$25,000. The Board agreed to add the Asphalt Milling surface for an additional \$3,000. The only other bidder was A.J. Virgilio Construction of Westfield with a bid of \$178,120.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fiber Connect has presented the details needed for their easement request.

The Technology Committee has made its recommendation on the Town's Broadband Network.

The Board will take this up with Vice-Chairman McGurn can be present.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

There has been very little interest in the South Egremont School House ADA project. Hopefully more contractors will attend the on-site walk through on March 21. There has been no further information regarding the exterior lead paint re-mediation. It is felt that students not return to the school house this school year.

There was some indication in an email from SBRSD Business Manager Christine Reagan that a warrant article to change the school assessment formula for FY 2020 is going to be sent to the Town's. The Board was confused as a vote could not affect the FY 2020 assessment unless taken before the budget is passed.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board agreed to a salary range for the Personnel Director of \$7,000 to \$10,286.

The Unions will be asked to ratify the contract so it can be signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.


Mary Brazie
Office Administrator

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