

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: May 1, 2019
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Danile Jordan-Kelly, Marcella Bush, Lane Farnum, Bill Tynan, Frank & Hilary Penglase, David Katzenstein, Ed McCormick, Joyce Frater, Bill Turner, Steve Cohen, Juliette Haas, Richard Allen, Jon Bruno, Elfie Six.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 17, 2019 were accepted as presented.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

The Board, along with School Committee member Marcella Bush, interviewed Hilary Penglase, Danile Jordan-Kelly and Richard Allen as candidates to fill the vacancy on the School Committee. It was unanimously voted to appoint Danile Jordan-Kelly to fill the vacancy until the November, 2020 election.

The Board interviewed Joyce Frater and appointed her as an Associate Member to the Conservation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

On Thursday, May 2 there will be a conference with representatives of MBI to discuss their proposed Action Plan to work with Egremont as negotiations and build out take place with Fiber Connect. All have agreed that the proposed Action Plan mirrors the Town's planned actions.

The Board approved the June 23, 2019 Rotary Club Bike-N-Fly event with two police officers required for traffic control.

The Board approved the September 29, 2019 Farm to Form Fondo even with two police officer required for traffic control.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Management Director Ed McCormick and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Turner attended to discuss the ongoing issue with the 911 numbering system on Mount Washington. After multiple meetings involving the Egremont Fire Department, State Police and Ambulance service with the Mount Washington Selectmen, a majority of the Mount Washington Board has agreed to establish a new sequential numbering system for first responders. The Board agreed to let this move forward and to not interrupt fire services to Mount Washington.

The Board agreed to hold firm on its vote to not install a water fountain at French Park. The sinks have already been removed and DEP has been notified.

The Board voted to postpone consideration of the appointment of a part-time officer until after July 1, 2019.

The Board voted to approve the drafted Police Contract with the exception of the requirement for disability coverage for non-work related injuries. The Town has insurance coverage for any work related injury.

TOWN MEETING:

The Board discussed the plans for the May 7 Town Meetings with Moderator Steve Cohen and Town Clerk Juliette Haas. A broadcast phone call will go out to all residents making them aware of the 6:30pm Special Town Meeting.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

The contractor for the ADA upgrades at the South Egremont School is ready to go begin work right after Town Meeting approves the funds. The weather still isn't cooperating for the exterior lead pain remediation.

In answer to Bill Tynan's question, Alford will move forward with broadband service to Egremont residents on a portion of Route 71 shortly. The Mount Washington draft agreement is not exactly what the Board was looking for so there is some reluctance to sign it.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board will meet on May 15 to reorganize with the new member.

The Board approved the request of Personnel Director Bill Tighe to work 9 make-up days after his proposed retirement of June 30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

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.