

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: June 25, 2019
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chair George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie.

Others in attendance: Carrissa Denmore and Dylan Peacock(Historic New England), Will Conklin(Greenagers), Mary McGurn, Hannah Shirley(Berkshire Record), Steve Haward(National Grid), Dave Campbell, Susan Bachelder, Marj Wexler.

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

MINUTES:

Minutes were deferred to the July 9 meeting.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

At 6:01pm the hearing for the placement of a new pole by National Grid and Verizon on North Undermountain Road was called to order. Steve Hayward of National Grid noted that the pole would replace one that was there now in a different location. The Board voted unanimously to approve the request. Hearing closed at 6:04pm

CITIZENS TIME:

Mary McGurn asked if an official ribbon cutting was being planned for the Tennis Court. Office Administrator Brazie will find out if the party making the donation would like to have one.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the preservation restriction for April Hill at 62 Undermountain Road with Historic New England.

The Board reviewed the following bids received and voted unanimously to award to the low bidder on each project:

Town Hall Parking Lot:	
DelSignore Blactopping	\$51,276.00
Williams Paving	\$41,800.00
Taconic Lane blacktop	
HMA Paving & Contracting	\$53,900.00
DelSignore Blacktopping	\$61,750.00
Williams Paving	\$49,872.00
Eurovia Atlantic Coast	\$58,035.00
Water PH Control System	
PJS LLC dba Introl	\$33,895.00
Dankris Builders Corp	\$94,332.00

The Board has received a letter from the Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Committee asking the Town to participate in a planning committee to discuss the merger/consolidation of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District highschool grades 9 through 12. The Board voted unanimously to agree to take part saying it welcomed the discussion.

The Board voted unanimously to approve an interdepartmental transfer as follows:

\$1,443.23 From Insurance Property & Casualty 015945.740
To Insurance Health/Dental 015945.741

The Board discussed the Sanitary Survey notice from Mass DEP to the Egremont Water Department which laid out some violations within the Department that need to be corrected. The Board will discuss this with the Water Commissioners.

The Board voted, with Selectperson Brazie recusing, to give town employees Friday, July 5 off as an additional paid Holiday.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board made appointments to town boards as follows:

A.D.A. COORDINATING COMMITTEE

George McGurn Bill Tighe
Tom Reynolds

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION:

Sara Love

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

John Springstube

DEPUTIES: Bonnie Bassis
James Olmsted

BERKSHIRE COUNTY REG'L PLANNING COMMISSION:

Gregory Cherin, Alternate

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

Bruce Bernstein
Chairman Board of Selectmen

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Alternate: Matthew Kollmer

BURIAL AGENT:

Juiette Haas

BYLAW REVIEW FUTURES COMMITTEE

David Seligman
Danile Jordan
Mary McGurn
Ellen Maggio
Tom Berkel
Eileen Vining
Jenn Frederick

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

James Noe

Susan Bachedler
Mary Brazie
Jared Kelly
Jason LaForest
Corinna Barnard

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Bill Tynan,
David Campbell

E-911 COORDINATORS:

Mary Brazie
Joe Schneider

FENCE VIEWERS:

Kevin Wheeler

FIELD DRIVER:

David Sheldon

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Joseph Schneider, Chief
Jim Olmsted, Assistant
James Golden, Captain
Dave Guidi, Captain
Roger Meyer, Lieutenant
Paul Sierau, Lieutenant
Dave Katzenstein, EMS/Tech Rescue Captain

FOREST WARDEN:

Joseph Schneider

FRENCH PARK COMMITTEE:

Jennifer Brown
Hilary Penglase
Zoe Hersh
Melody Lamb
Elizabeth Spaulding
David Guidi

GAS INSPECTOR:

Robert Gennari
Robert Kruspki, alternate

GREEN COMMITTEE:

Juliette Haas
Robin Goldberg
Marj Wexler
Richard Allen
Pat Konecky
Corinna Barnard
Emily Eyre

HEALTH, BOARD OF:

William Rose
Alternate: Juliette Haas

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Steve Piersanti
Elliott Snyder

Rebecca Turner
Housing Committee:

Richard Stanley
Richard Allen
Joan Goodkind
Frederick Gordon
Craig Barnum
Mark Holmes

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

George McGurn
Laura Allen
Charles Ogden

PLUMBING INSPECTOR:

Robert Krupski
Alternate: Bob Gennari

POLL WORKERS:

Juliette Haas, Town Clerk
Marlene Soudant, Warden
James Olmsted, Constable
Barbara Shultis, Marj Wexler, Gerard Lanoue, Peg Muskrat, Jeanne Peck, Monica Lanoue

POUND KEEPER:

John Springstube
Bonnie Bassis

REGISTRARS, BOARD OF:

Juliette Haas, Chair
Jeannie Peck
Marlene Soudant
Lizzie Spaulding
Carissa Mann

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER:

Peter Barrett

TOWN COUNSEL:

Firm of Hannon, Lerner, Cowhig, Scully & Bell
Lead Attorney: Jeremia Pollard

VETERANS' AGENT:

Laurie Hils

VETERAN'S SERVICES:

Thomas Gage

WIRE INSPECTOR:

Ted Piontek
Alternate: Robert Clausen

The Board agreed to ask the Complete Streets Committee to meet and discuss traffic calming and speed control issues for Sheffield Road and other Roads and to consider applying for Complete Streets grant funds to pay for the measures.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

An update on the status of negotiations for broadband with Fiber Connect will be made at the next meeting.

The Board voted, with Chairman McGurn recusing, to approve the MBI Action Plan provisionally pending any edits made by MBI.

The engineering for the Alford broadband build out has been received. Pricing is needed. Concern over the funding mechanism was expressed. The Alford representative will attend the July 9 meeting of the Egremont Selectboard to discuss this. It is felt that it makes no sense to move forward with Mount Washington building out in Egremont though no decision was made.

The ramp at the South Egremont school is complete with the exception of the rails and the öbridgeö to the door. The interior bathroom demolition is set to take place soon. The District is scheduling the exterior lead paint remediation. More information is being gathered on the fence and the playground.

The Planning Board is nearing completion on a draft Accessory Dwelling Unit zoning bylaw.

The possible items for the Special Town Meeting on September 17 are as follows:

- More funds for the Cemetery Expenses budget
- Mount Wasington Road Engineering
- 3% marijuana tax
- Edits to the General Bylaws
- Zoning Bylaws: Accessory Dwelling Unit and Marijuana
- Adoption of the Community Preservation Act

The Housing Committee is working with Construct, Inc to draft the Home Owner Association rules for the housing project. The Board of Health will review the septic plans once they have the HOA in hand.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

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.