

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

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

Present at the table were Chairman George McGurn, and Board member Mary Brazie. Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen participated via phone.

Others in attendance: Steve Cohen, Mary McGurn, Eileen Vining, Joyce Frater, Marj Wexler, Chuck Ogden, Tom Sierau, Greg Cherin and Charlie Miller.

A moment of silence was held honoring those kill by the recent acts of domestic terrorism.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Four bids were received for the paving of Boice Road:

DelSignore Blacktop Paving, Inc.	\$129,839.83
HMA Contracting Corp	\$138,789.00
Eurovia Atlantic Coast LLC	\$144,263.00
Dba Northeast Paving	
Ondrick Materials & Recycling, LLC	\$198,608.50

The Board voted unanimously to aware to the low bidder, DelSignore Blacktop Paving, Inc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joyce Frater explained that the Friends of Prospect Lake (FoPL) was requesting permission to place an 8"x11" sign on the post that is already at the area that people park and go swimming in the lake. This sign will have a QR code for people to make donations to FoPL to protect the lake along with a brief description and instructions. The Board is hesitant to approve the request and suggested that the campground owner be approached for the sign to go on the shore in the campground. The Board will look at the site and discuss further at its August 20 meeting.

The SBRSD five member towns' Selectboards have agreed to send a letter to the BHRSD in support of the consolidation talks. Chairman McGurn will edit the draft letter for the Board's signature.

Chairman McGurn has informed all three members of the Mount Washington Selectboard that if at their meeting on September 9 they do not vote to move forward with a 911 numbering system that will be a de-facto vote to terminate fire services from the Town of Egremont.

The Board voted two in favor, one against, with Vice-Chairman Vermuelen casting the dissenting vote, to send to the Planning Board for appropriate action for voting on at the Special Town Meeting on September 17 the Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw drafted by the working group and finalized in December of 2018. Gregory Cherin, Chair of the Planning Board, assured the meeting that his Board has every intention of voting out and ADU bylaw at its meeting on August 12 and will move forward with the appropriate hearings and notice so that the bylaw can be voted on at the September 17 Special Town Meeting Meeting. Vice-Chairman Vermeulen proposed postponing the town meeting, but it was

felt that would just give the Planning Board more time to not get this done and as well would mean that the engineers for the Mount Washington Road project would be delayed in getting their work done.

The Board will not discuss the Retail Marijuana Host Agreement during this meeting as two members have not reviewed it.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Vice-Chairman Vermeulen will update the Board on the status of the Broadband agreement and negotiations with Fiber Connect at the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Vermeulen said that the Board did not need to take any action on the White Hill Road broadband build-out, that will be taken care of amongst the residents of Whites Hill Road.

The contractors at the South Egremont School will be done by August 15. The lead paint remediation will be done the week of August 19. Everything will be done in time for the teacher to get into the building and set up. Charlie Miller, Principal of the Undermountain Elementary School, asked if the teacher could go in while the contractors were working. There is no reason why she can't but there is no parking available on the school grounds while the contractors are there. The playground is likely going to be done in the summer of 2020. A plan for the fence is being worked on.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

The Board will meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 1:00pm to review the status of the Accessory Dwelling Units bylaw, to discuss the draft Retail Marijuana Host Agreement and to get an update on the status of the broadband agreement and negotiations with Fiber Connect.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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