

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: August 13, 2019  
Time: 1:00pm  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Leslie Fenn, Ed Regendahl, Greg Cherin, Mary McGurn, Marj Wexler, Eileen Vining, Helen Krancer.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the draft Retail Marijuana Host Agreement between the Town and New Green LLC (Zorn) and will notify legal counsel of the following:

Page 1 – The board is okay with the edits.

Page 3 – 4. Other Payments – the board wants to retain the stricken wording.

Page 3 – 5. Additional Voluntary Payments – change to .....”in charitable donations to one or more non-profits based in Berkshire County with a priority of a non-profit based in Egremont. .... also the Board wished to retain the last sentence of that paragraph that was stricken.

Page 3 – 6. Annual Filing. The board is okay with the edit.

Page 4 – 8. Local Taxes. The Board wished to retain the stricken paragraph. It doesn't seem to harm the company. Personal Property tax will be assessed to the Company.

Page 7 – 13. On-site Consumption. The Board is aware that at this time the regulations do not allow this, but that the Commonwealth is working on regulations to allow it, and there are no current plans for this company to have on-site consumption but feels this section should be left intact in case the company plans to consider in the future.

Page 7 – 14. Term and Termination. The Board would like to retain the stricken sentence.

Greg Cherin, Chairman of the Planning Board presented a draft Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw to be adopted at the September 17 Special Town Meeting. In a review of the proposed bylaw the Board expressed its concern over the requirement for a special permit vs an ADU being by right. Greg agreed to change the word sanitation to bathroom(s) in the ADU definition. The Board voted unanimously to rescind its vote of August 7 to put forth an ADU bylaw for action at the Town Meeting, and voted unanimously to accept the Planning Boards proposed ADU bylaw for action at the Town Meeting. The Planning Board will set a hearing date at its meeting on August 14.

Vice-Chair Vermeulen updated the other board members on the Fiber Connect broadband agreement. Fiber Connect is reticent about releasing its budget and timeline though have verbally said the budget total is about \$1.6million, which exceeds the MBI funding of \$1.07million. Neither the Town nor MBI can move forward without the budget and timeline. MBI is being asked for an agreement template so that nothing is missed in the negotiations. Fiber Connect has also noted that is very busy and won't be able to get the data requested at this time. MBI and MTC meet in September and then again in

November. Either way Egremont's build out is delayed until next spring/summer/fall. Many residents in town are being led to believe that the fault in the current delay lies with the town, which is not true. Mary McGurn noted that Fiber Connect is issuing a statement in which they place the fault on themselves.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Vice-Chairman Vermeulen reported that the White's Hill broadband build out is in the hands of the residents on the road so this can be removed from the Board's list.

The ramp at the South Egremont School has been repaired. The contractor doing the ADA work is supposed to be done by August 15. The contractor doing the exterior lead paint remediation is supposed to start the end of this week. All indications are that there will be a classroom in the school house on August 28.

The Mount Washington Selectboard is holding a public hearing on August 27 to discuss with its residents the proposed new 911 house number system.

WalkBoston will be meeting with Town Officials, possibly including those from MassDOT, on August 23 to discuss making Egremont's villages walk friendly.

A complaint has been received in regards to the use of the new Tennis Courts at French Park. The complainant asked the Town to establish policy and posts signs that no private lessons for profit were to be held on the courts and play time was to be limited to 1.5 hours. The Board will consider this at its August 20 meeting. There remains discussions about installing 2 Pickelball Courts at the park that would potentially be privately funded like the Tennis Courts.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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