

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

\*\*\*\*\*

Date: September 10, 2019  
Time: 6:00pm  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

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

Others in attendance: Heidi & Ari Zorn, Joan Goodkind, Mary McGurn, Eileen Vining, David Seligman, Alexis Fakelman, Eileen Vining, Alina Hsu.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 20 and the August 20 meeting were accepted as amended.

CITIZEN'S TIME:

Alina Hsu questioned the board about the broadband build out on Whites Hill Road. Vice-Chair Vermeulen explained that the build out is being done by the residents on the road, not by the town.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to award the bid for patch paving on Mount Washington road to low bidder of three bids, HMA Contracting Corp who bid \$41,285.00. The other two bids were Williams Paving at \$42,800.00 and Ondrick Materials & Recycling, LLC at \$46,000.00.

The Board voted unanimously to accept, with regrets, the resignation of John Springstube as the Town's Animal Control/Dog Officer and Inspector Animals.

Though there seems no imminent deadline for the Community Compact, the Board doesn't want to forget that it may be interested in either applying for a Best Practices or an IT Program designation.

The Board accepted the resignation of Richard Stanley from the Housing Committee.

Interest in public access to Prospect Lake has been resurrected. A group of residents would like to have another Committee formed to look at options. The reestablishment of the public access, which is on State owned land, was discussed but the dredging of the brook feeding the lake is a big issue there. Members of the Conservation Commission said they would look in their records to see what the issues were there. Many options have been proposed in years past, but no solution has ever been found. The Board agreed to discuss this further at a meeting in early October after Vice-Chair Vermeulen has a chance to review actions and discussion from the past and look at the area near the current access.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board began a review of the return comments from Attorney Shenk-Hargrove and began discussion with Heidi and Ari Zorn regarding the proposed Retail Marijuana Host Agreement. It was felt it may not be appropriate to hold negotiations with the Zorn's and to discuss the agreement without legal counsel present. The Board will ask Legal Counsel to meet on September 17 at 6pm before the Special

Town Meeting to discuss this.

The Board reviewed the motions for the September 17 Special Town Meeting. All funds, with the exception of the Cemetery Funds, will be transferred from Free Cash, which was recently certified at over \$321,000. The section for the Retail Marijuana Tax bylaw needs to be confirmed.

The Board will meet on September 13 at 10am to review the Route 23/41 preliminary 25% design plans. Comments are to be sent to the MassDOT in early October. The plans went out to town boards on August 27.

The Board agreed that the 2019 Town Birthday celebration was a success. The day was perfect and the event well attended though there were several other important events in the area. The 2020 event is being planned at French Park, but the usual date is also the date of the annual Blue Rider event at the park. Either a different date will need to be chosen or a different location.

The Board had an extensive discussion with David Seligman and Alina Hsu of the Conservation Commission surrounding the Selectboard's appointment of a new member to the Commission without informing the Commission first and allegations from the Board of resident complaints and issues within the Commission. Chairman McGurn agreed to talk with Commission Member David Seligman about issues.

#### FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Vice-Chair Vermeulen reported that negotiations with Fiber Connect and with MBI are lurching forward. Fiber Connect has said it would agree to payments in arrears if MBI could assure them there would be no glitch in getting payment when the town is lit.

The ADA Upgrades, exterior lead remediation and painting at the South Egremont School are complete. The Certificate of Use and Occupancy and the Fire Safety Inspection Certificate have all been issued. The Architectural Access Board has been sent a report of the work completed. The fence is planned to be installed the week of November 7. An Open House is being planned at the school on September 29.

The Mount Washington Selectboard has voted unanimously to implement a new E911 number system.

#### SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

Chairman McGurn and Selectmen Brazie will try to attend the September 19 joint BRPC and Berkshire County Selectmen's Association dinner at which Bruce Turner will be honored with a life time membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

minutes.20/sept10

*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.*