

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: February 18, 2020  
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: Patrick Riordan, Chet Delaney, Mary McGurn.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of both the February 4 and February 11 meeting were accepted as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board interviewed Patrick Riordan for a vacancy on the Conservation Commission. The Board unanimously appointed Mr. Riordan to serve on the Conservation Commission.

The Board discussed the request of Fiber Connect to construct a 10x12 prefab structure on French Park land in the wooded area on Baldwin Hill North for use as the head end for Fiber Connect's Broadband. Office Administrator Brazie will research the federal regulations regarding public park lands and verify the property line.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint the Human Resources Committee, consisting of George McGurn, Laura Allen, and Chuck Ogden, as the Compensation Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board interviewed Chet Delaney for membership on the Bylaw Review Committee. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Delaney to the Bylaw Review Committee.

The applicant for the Zoning Board of Appeals did not attend the meeting so there was no action.

Legal Counsel has been in contact with Emerald River LLC re: their request for a Recreational Marijuana Host Community Agreement. The principals of Emerald River are seeking a location in Egremont for their retail shop.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

The preliminary design public hearing for the Route 23/41 reconstruction project is scheduled for April 15 at 7pm at Town Hall. Because of the plan to move the crosswalk at the school house, Chairman McGurn has proposed to the property owner the idea of student drop off/pick up traffic to flow up into the school yard and exit out behind the building next door owned by the Lovejoy's. The Board will need to consider what to do about winter maintenance on the sidewalks. There are 4 options: do no winter maintenance; adopt a bylaw requiring abutting property owners to remove snow & ice; charge a betterment to the abutting property owners to pay for the town's

expenses in removing snow & ice; the town vote at town meeting to approve the expenditures for the town to do the maintenance. This will require further discussion before the town meeting warrant is done.

The first meeting of the Regional District Planning Committee is scheduled for March 7 at 10am in Stockbridge. The Committee includes 27 people.

All parties have agreed to hold on signing off on the Town/Fiber Connect agreement until the MBI agreement is final. The negotiating team will be receiving from Holyoke Gas & Electric a draft agreement to review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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