

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: March 31, 2020  
Time: 6:00pm  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

Present in a zoom meeting were Selectboard Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie.

Others in attendance: Mary McGurn, Evan Triantafilidis(Berkshire Record), Juliette Haas, Morrice Partee, Juliette Haas.

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

MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 3, March 11 and March 17 meetings were adopted with minor corrections.

Citizens and town officials were asked to send any topics for future meetings to the board via email.

NEW BUSINESS:

COVID-19:

The Commonwealth has extended the stay at home and closure of non-essential businesses to May 4, 2020.

The Town's web page now includes a Covid-19 page that is being updated daily.

The Board is worried that the Governor has given Town's no enforcement power. Chairman McGurn will draft a letter with the help of legal counsel urging the Governor to do so. (Note: before the draft was completed, Governor Baker did issue enforcement orders.)

The Board has closed down the Dog Park, Tennis Courts, Pavilion, Bandstand, and Playground at French Park and more signage was installed. The Police Chief has promised stepped up patrols and will take action against violators.

Egremont's emergency personnel reports that their supply of PPE is adequate. The National Guard has been delivering to PPE to towns.

Office Administrator Brazie will reach out to residents who work, or are retired from, the mental health field to see if they would be willing to speak with residents who may be having mental health issues.

FOLLOW UPS/UPDATES:

Vice-Chair Vermeulen will follow-up with MassDOT to determine if they are moving forward with engineering and planning on the Route 23/41 reconstruction project.

Chairman McGurn reported that the School Consolidation Planning Committee will meet via zoom meeting in later April. As well SBRSD is moving forward with round table and school committee meetings.

Vice-Chair Vermeulen reported that FiberConnect and Representative Pignatelli seem to be on different pages. MBI is being non-committal at this time. Jeff Lazarus is following up with both MBI and FiberConnect to get an update on negotiations. The team is working on editing the memo of understanding with Holyoke Gas & Electric for back up operations.

Morriss Partee, Emerald River LLC, reported that they still are very interested in having a retail, recreational marijuana shop in Egremont, but still have not secured a location.

The Town's birthday celebration will remain on track for August 16, 2020.

Office Administrator Brazie will follow-up with Construct, Inc. to see if June has any new information on the Town's Affordable Housing project.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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