

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: June 12, 2020
Time: 10:00am
Place: Zoom Meeting
Egremont

Present via zoom meeting were Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie. Others in participating: Laura Allen, Eileen Vining, Mary McGurn Stephen Cohen, Juliette Haas, Marj Wexler.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the new law which allows the Town to adjust its quorum for Annual Town Meeting to a number not less than 10 percent of the number that would otherwise be required, which is 60. The law also required the Board to publish the notice of its intention to consider an adjustment of town meeting quorum requirements not less than 7 days before the board's vote. As this was not done, the Board will move final consideration of this issue to its June 23 meeting and post a notice that it will be considering this issue then. It was agreed that a change in quorum was not really needed for Egremont's meeting.

The Board voted to adopt the 1/12th budget drafted by Town Accountant Paul Lisi and to vote to seek permission to deficit spend for COVID-19 related expenses. Neither of which is anticipated but will be forwarded to the Department of Revenue just in case current projections change.

The Board voted unanimously to certify to MassBroadband Institute that the premises counts for calculation of the 51% take rate for FiberConnect Broadband as presented by Jeff Lazarus and Rolfe Tessem. (Attached)

Juliette Haas asked the board to re-think the opening of the construction and demolition bin, the swap shop and the electric's shed at the Transfer Station shed on weekends only as she felt it was confusing. The Board did not agree and held firm to weekends only for the time being.

Selectperson Brazie asked if there was any information from the School District on the FY 21 budget. No one has been given any information but indications are the Administration is planning to move forward with a 1/12th budget.

Vice-Chair Vermeulen asked for an agenda item for the meeting on June 23 to discuss with the Building Inspector and the Conservation Commission the protocols of issuing building permits for properties with wetlands.

Moderator Stephen Cohen suggested that signs announcing Town Meeting and Town Election be put up at the Post Offices. The Board agreed to put up signs on the greens at the Prospect Lake Road intersection and the Creamery Road intersection.

Selectperson Brazie announced that Wheeler & Taylor will be donating masks to the Town for the upcoming Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32am.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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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.