

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: May 31, 2022
Time: 10:00am
Place: Via Zoom Meeting
Egremont

Present in-person were Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie.

Others participating via zoom: Mary McGurn, Bob Noonan, Marj Wexler, Barbara Kalish, Joyce Frater, Rebecca Turner, Peg McDonough.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 16 and 17 meetings were accepted with minor edits.

COVID:

It was noted that a sign urging those entering Town Hall to wear a mask has appeared on the door, most likely placed by the Board of Health.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to re-appoint to the Council on Aging for one-year terms the following: Bruce Bernstein, Georgette Kinney, Robin Goldberg, Caroline Palmucci, Linda Warner, Pamela Knowles, Donna Bersch-Gordon and Peg Muskrat as the Administrative Assistant.

Rebecca Turner, Chair of the Historical Commission, sought the Board's approval of holding the Town's birthday celebration on the weekend of August 27 and August 28 at Town Hall in conjunction with the Friends of Prospect Lake's (FoPL) Tag Sale. Joyce Frater, representing FOPL, said that logistics could be worked out. The Board agreed two events would work together nicely. Vice-Chairman Vermeulen will represent the Selectboard on the birthday celebration planning group. Selectwoman Brazie suggested asking the Police and Fire Departments to be involved.

The Board approved the following of end of year transfers:

- \$1.00 from School Crossing Guard account to Schools Operating Costs
- \$6.00 from Health/Dental Insurance to Pension

The Board spoke with Bob Noonan about his interest in serving on the Housing Committee. The Board also discussed the Water Study Group that will include Tom Berkel and Poly Lanoue. One more member is needed. A first meeting will be held the end of June. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Noonan to the Water Study Group.

Mary McGurn reported that there has been some interest in serving on the Committee to update the Master Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plans. The Planning Board is discussing at its meeting this week and will get back to the Board on how to move forward.

The Board discussed with Grant Administrator Peg McDonough the possibility of continuing with the invasive plant removal at French Park. The contractor is finishing up what was contracted for

last year. The Board agreed that Tom Reynolds should be the oversight and contact person for the any contractors in the park. The Forest Stewardship Grant requires a systemic approach over a matter of years and a written plan. Funds left in the French Park Committee budget may be used for further invasive plant removal.

GRANTS:

Legal Counsel has been authorized to move forward with land court action to declare a prescriptive easement at the Prospect Lake access gap. The Community Health Grant is being wrapped up and the Committee will hold a final meeting on June 7.

Transportation Administrator Melanie Torrico and Council on Aging Administrative Assistant Peg Muskrat are completing the application for the next round of the Taxi/Livery grant funding.

The application for a grant for consultation to help with upgrades to the zoning bylaws has been filed. Awards are expected to be announced in August/September, 2022.

Peg McDonough has given the Board an upgraded spreadsheet of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expended and projected. There are no current expenditures needing approval.

UPDATES:

There has still been no payment received from the Town of Mount Washington nor any reaction to the demand for payment.

The new signs for the Dog Park have been ordered.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

Vice-Chairman Vermeulen suggested, and the Board agreed, that the residents along Main Street should be notified of the change in the road reconstruction schedule.

Vice-Chairman Vermeulen wants to stop the spread of the marketing of the name of the Baldwin Hill Elm, Alma, as dubbed by a local resident. The Board agreed that it should just be ignored as it isn't a town issue.

The next Board meeting will be June 14 at 10am. Vice-Chairman Vermeulen will participate via zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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