

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: July 26, 2022  
Time: 10:00am  
Place: Via Zoom Meeting & Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the meeting in person were Selectboard members Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie. In attendance via zoom were, Juliette Haas, Mary McGurn, Daniel Blitzer, and Peg McDonough.

This meeting is audio and visually recorded.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 6, July 12, July 13 and July 14 meetings were accepted with minor edits.

COVID:

The allowance for fully remote meetings has been extended to March 31, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three bids were received for blacktopping the Town Hall Parking lot: Best Paving \$74,000, Williams Paving \$99,712, Palmer Paving \$132,722. The Board voted unanimously to award the bid for the blacktopping of the Town Hall parking lot to the lowest bidder Best Paving.

The Board reviewed the ground rules for the July 26 Mount Washington Road design public hearing being conducted by MassDOT.

Juliette Haas presented dates for in-person early voting for the September Primary and the November 6 election. Early voting is mandatory for both with 10 days required for the primary and 14 days required for the election. The Board approved the dates presented and suggested that an evening time frame be added to allow for voting by those whose work doesn't conform with suggested schedule. Voting will take place in the Town Hall downstairs meeting room.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the loan of a 2019 Dodge Caravan, equipped for handicapped transport, from BRTA until such time as the Town's van can be delivered.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board again took no action on the employees request for one weeks pay in place of using 5 vacation days in order to talk to Personnel Director Cara Becker.

Board members will submit their proposed changes to the Tree Warden's job description directly to Personnel Director Cara Becker.

The Board made no appointments but reiterated the need for members for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Conservation Commission is presenting a candidate to the Board at the August 9 meeting. The filling of the vacancy on the Water Commission is on hold until the Water Study Committee makes its findings. The Board may consider additional members to the Open Space & Recreation Plan Update Advisory Committee and the Comprehensive Plan Update Advisory Committee at future meetings.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following end of year transfers:  
Transfer \$470.81 from Police Department Secretary to Police Department Vehicles  
Transfer \$338.11 from Building & Grounds Utilities to Public Lighting

GRANTS:

No general announcement will be sent regarding Peg McDonough's role at Grant Administrator. She has been able to approach town officials on her own.

Peg McDonough noted that in September/October there may be grant funds available for electric vehicles, energy efficiency projects in town buildings and technology.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the final report for the Community Health Inclusion grant from the Prospect Lake Access Committee.

The Fire Department has notified Peg McDonough that the Chief's vehicle will cost an additional \$1100 due to up charges in materials. The Board voted unanimously to accept this increase as an expenditure from ARPA.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

The next regular meeting of the Board will August 9 at 10:00am.

Adjournment too place at 10:42am

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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