# Select Board Meeting

October 3, 2018

6:01 pm meeting called to order.

Board members present: Neil Oleson, Krista Bishop and Ericka Oleson

Board members absent: None

Others present: Chris Dobbert, Melanie Medon, those presenting, and several residents.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Krista seconded. Unanimous.

Cindy Bosley recorded.

Jeff Molongoski from Ashfield, MA:

* Would like to hold a skateboarding event on Whitcomb Hill potentially June of 2019. Would be a two day event, Saturday and Sunday. The road would be closed during runs with hay bales, full leather suits, EMT’s, police, and other safety precautions in place. Similar events are held in other areas such as Killington. Neil asked how many people this would bring. Estimated it to be 50-75 skateboarders, some from other countries, 100-150 people total. Chris will check with attorney on liability to the town. Krista stated that there has already been issues with skateboarding on Whitcomb Hill and this could potentially bring more attention to it. Left a copy of a proposal from a past event in Colorado. Will revise one for this event.

Michelle O’Toole, Hazard Mitigation Grants Coordinator:

* Gave presentation and explained what it would take for the town to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grants through FEMA. They offer three options: HMGP - after presidential disaster is declared, PDM - pre-disaster mitigation, and FMA – flood mitigation insurance. Will send the slide presentation to Chris. Towns interested in the planning grant need to submit a letter of intent with the forms found on the website by 1/4/19. Interested towns will be included in a group. It is a reimbursement based program. To be considered towns need to state they are interested in joining the National Flood Insurance Program.

Joy Duperault, Director Flood Hazard Management, DCR:

* Gave presentation with handouts on the National Flood Insurance Program. Florida is one of ten communities that do not participate in Massachusetts. Once the town participates, homeowners can purchase flood insurance from FEMA. The FEMA flood maps were last updated for Florida in 1976. About two homes were listed in flood zones.

Chris Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Thought a solar company, Bestech, was coming, maybe the next meeting. Left proposal for solar project on town property.
* James White would like to be appointed to the Cemetery Commission. Krista made a motion to appoint James White to the Cemetery Commission. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.
* Pole hearing for 6 poles for Wi-Valley to be held after special town meeting.
* Received letter/proposal from Rayomand Bhumgara of Sustainable Strategies 2050. They did not provide a value for solar equipment. Upped PILOT amount to $45,000. Chris explained the assessors pointed out solar may become non-taxable as there are currently cases fighting this. The PILOT would lock in for 20 years.
* Neil recommended paying DPW workers time and half for all hours they were called in on shutdown. Krista made a motion to pay the DPW workers time and a half for all hours worked during shutdown. Ericka abstained. Neil seconded. Unanimous.
* PTG is holding RADA fundraiser.
* The fire station does not have potable water and the septic is failing. Submitted a wish list if there were an opportunity to have a new fire station. It would need to go to town meeting if it were to happen.

Mike Gleason, Fire Chief:

* The fire department has $11,000 in equipment account that was to be used with grants to purchase equipment. They did not get the grants. Would like to use that money to buy 3 or 4 sets of gear. It would take about 7 years to replace all the gear. May ask for a budget increase next year to account for this. The fire department has level funded for 6 years.
* The fire department is having an open house on October 13th.

Chris Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Town Hall, Senior/Community Center, and transfer station were paved. Will continue paving.
* Chris, Glenn, and Bob will be attending OSHA training tomorrow.
* Cindy Bosley asked if there was a broadband update. Chris stated just working on paperwork and pole hearings. Need to have an inter-town agreement to protect the other towns if one town pulls out.
* Will not be in on Friday, taking a vacation day.
* DPW is back to regular hours.

8:07 pm Ericka made a motion to adjourn. Krista seconded. Unanimous.