Select Board Meeting

September 19, 2018

6:00 pm meeting called to order.

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

Board members absent: None

Chris Dobbert not present.

Others present: Glenn Burdick, Melanie Medon, and several residents.

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

Cindy Bosley recorded.

Rayomand Bhumgara, Sustainable Strategies 2050

* Looking at a Pan Am property at the Central Shaft location for a 5 megawatt solar array. Pan Am will lease the property to them and Sustainable Energies 2050 will be responsible for the taxes. Looking to enter into a PILOT agreement due to the high tax rate in Florida. They are proposing a 20 year agreement at $35,000/year: $10,000 for land, $25,000 for personal property. They will be sending a letter with the proposal. Assessors checking with DOR. Some residents will be able to participate. Which residents participate will be left to the town to decide. Stephanie Pare expressed concerns that it will set a precedent. Hydro company does not get a PILOT. Will need to hold a special permit hearing and abutters would be notified.

GE Solar

* Would like to do an array on Bakke Mountain. It would cover an area of about 22 acres off of Bliss Road. Presented plans to those present. The land had previously been cleared. Some growth has taken place. Would need some clearing but not logging. The owner will be responsible for maintenance of areas. They will be in touch with the assessors for tax info and they will gather numbers for valuation. Will also be in touch with Chris Dobbert. Will also need a special permit hearing and abutters will be notified.

Chris’ folder:

Special town meeting to be held on October 17, 2018. Warrant signed with second article to move $10,000 from stabilization to road maintenance.

Avangrid, formerly Iberdola Renewables, had an agreement with Bakke to pay half of the taxes to take the land out of conservancy. They would now like credit on their PILOT for paying taxes. Was sent to the lawyer for review.

Chapter 90 line painting approved.

Town signed up for $0.1185/kwh for municipal buildings.

Christadora is having their annual dinner. Select board is invited.

Selectmen’s Association dinner is October 18th. Chris needs to RSVP by October 11th.

Canceling meeting October 31st.

Cindy Bosley:

* Crew was on vacation/shutdown when they were called in for heavy rain. Did they get OT for being called in? Glenn stated they were paid time and a half for first 4 hours on Wednesday and for Friday. Thursday they were paid for vacation day and straight time. There is a call in to the union rep to see how that should be handled.

Glenn:

* Guys are working hard.
* Warner Bros. will be paving on 9/27, 9/28, and 10/1. Priced cost to pave access road at the school, Town Hall parking lot, waste management area, and Senior/Community Center parking lot. Most important would be the access road if there is not funding to do all. Neil stated that the Senior/Community Center should not be done if there is not funding. The other areas need it more.
* Prepping for paving.
* Road repair for storm.

7:26 pm Ericka made a motion to adjourn. Krista seconded. Unanimous.