Select Board Meeting

December 9, 2020

6:00 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Mike Bedini, Ericka Oleson and Neil Oleson.

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Jim White, Christine Dobbert, Vicki Winchell

Ericka Oleson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/10/20 meeting. Neil Olsen seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* Applications were reviewed for the Library Director position. Candidates have been chosen and interviews will be held with the Library Trustees during the Selectmen meeting on 12/23/20.
* Selectmen have noted how well Jake W. is doing. He is a hard worker and does whatever is asked of him and has been working above and beyond. He has also put in for his hydraulic license however due to COVID the process is delayed.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to increase Jake’s rate of pay from $17.34 per hour to $18.34 per hour effective January 1, 2021. Ericka Oleson seconded this motion. Unanimous.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* No other applications received for the cleaning position. Christine would like to make calls to field costs from various cleaning services.
* One highway department employee is out temporarily on workers comp due to facial injury.
* M&W school bid came in at $178,950.00. They were the only bid received. The company has agreed to review their bid and see if there is anywhere they can reduce the costs. School department needs the project to start as soon as possible.
* Received a call from Tim Dun regarding a tree down by his house that is caught on the lines. Jim went to look at it. Christine told Tim if it is on a line the town can not touch it. They need Verizon or National Grid to handle the situation. Jim contacted Verizon.
* A man came into Town Hall saying he walked through Whitcomb Hill Road and there was trash on the sides of the road. Jim has already had a crew pick everything up.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Service contract for the new loader is approximately $13,000 per year. Included in this cost is $5,000 for travel expenses. Selectmen agree that the cost is not supported by the small need they would likely have during the contract year. There was a service offer included with the purchase where the town pays the first service then the second is free. They have agreed to utilize this.
* Working on plowing.

6:43 pm Ericka Oleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.