Select Board Meeting

December 23, 2020

6:01 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Ericka Oleson and Neil Oleson.

Select board members absent: Mike Bedini

Others present: Jim White, Christine Dobbert, Vicki Winchell, Seth Bean, Krista Bishop, Stephanie Pare

Ericka Oleson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/9/20 meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* Seth Bean and Krista Bishop attended on behalf of the Assessors to present the tax rate options to the Selectboard.
  + Average assessment has increased by $4,000.
  + The lowest residential rate possible per the state of Massachusetts is $7.98 for residential. Neil commented he would like to leave the residential where it is.
  + Krista informed the board the proposed rate of $8.55 residential/$19.62 commercial/personal property includes adding $200,000 into the Overlay account.
  + Selectboard agreed to set the rate at $8.55 residential and $19.62 commercial/personal property. Krista reminded the board the state will need to approve the rate set by the town before tax bills can be sent out.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Library interviews have been postponed. They are now scheduled to take place during the January 6, 2021 Selectboard meeting.
* On vacation December 25, 2020 until January 4, 2021.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Crew has been dealing with the last storm and working on cleaning up the yard.
* Tree company took care of the tree on Whitcomb Hill Road and everything has been cleaned up.
* Holes have been punched for water runoff in preparation of the upcoming rain storm.
* Sand delivered
* Two loads of salt ordered for next week.
* Crew working at scrapping a lot of old items. They are working at cutting up the John Deere grader as well as an old Chevy with a blown motor to put in the metal box to dispose of it. Any salvageable parts that could be saved have been. Also dismantling #15 and getting rid of the shell and frame. Jim questioned what to do with an old generator that was bought well over 15 years ago and has not worked in years. Selectboard agreed it should be scrapped as well.
* Warners is coming to look at South County East from Route 2 to Jeremy Burdick’s property to give their recommendations.
* Guys did a great job during the last storm.

6:45 pm Ericka Oleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.