Select Board Meeting

February 3, 2021

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

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

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Jim White, Christine Dobbert, Vicki Winchell, Carl Gehring

Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/20/21 meeting. Ericka Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* Carl Gehring from Verizon appeared before the board to inquire about the bylaws regarding installation of a new Verizon cell tower. Wireless by-laws were enacted 20-25 years ago.
  + The new tower will be located on Moores Road. There are already towers located on the Western Summit and South Street.
  + He will do a balloon float, which he normally does early in the morning. He gets it up, takes the pictures and gets it down quickly. He suggests he plans it out and then will let Christine know when it would take place as soon as he is certain of the date/time. He is willing to take additional photos from any suggested areas the Selectmen prefer.
  + Pole using for the tower would be a straight monopole 150 feet high.
  + Carl will finish putting the plans together and submit the information to the Selectboard for a Special Town Permit Hearing.
* Mike Bedini made a motion to approve business licenses for Brett Bergendahl, Poets Seat Water and John S. Fields 2 businesses. Ericka Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
* Selectmen signed Certificate of Completion of Phase 3 for Wi-Valley payment.
* Christine informed the Selectmen Molly Lewis has applied to be the cleaning person. Christine would like to offer her the position.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Molly Lewis as the cleaning person for Town Hall and the Senior Center, to be paid minimum wage. Ericka Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
* Ericka suggested the board start reviewing the highway departments union contracts soon in preparation for negations for the upcoming fiscal year. Selectmen commented how hard the highway crew is working. Neil mentioned the roads are looking good.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* The Library Director position was declined by Elizabeth DiCristofara as she had already accepted another position. Ericka suggested the possibility of closing the library temporarily through COVID and then reposting the position in the spring. Mike felt they should hold a joint meeting with the Library Trustee’s to discuss options. All Selectmen agreed. Christine will invite the Library Trustee’s to the next Selectboard meeting on February 17, 2021.

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Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator (Continued):

* Christine updated the Selectboard on a recent broadband meeting:
  + Antennas are being installed in some areas for people who are having connection issues.
  + One of the poles will need to be gifted to the state because it was placed on state property.
  + Setup is almost completed so that all poles will be talking to each other.
  + Christine will be bringing up (again) to Otelco and the lawyers. the lack of response to resident calls by Wi-Valley.
  + All poles are now up with the exception of Borden Mountain.
  + COVID and weather issues have caused several delays.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Truck 10 is up and running. It has been put back together and working well.
* Truck 3 had a new alternator installed.
* Truck 6 is having the plow rebuilt
* The crew has been working at pushing back snow to prepare for more storms, as well as scraping roads and putting product down.
* Sand delivery arriving today and tomorrow (2/3/21 & 2/4/21).
* Everyone worked through the night during the last storm. There was a lot of heavy drifting. No breakdowns reported.
* Tyler Equipment Corporation offers an Active Care Plan for the new loader. They can monitor the machine remotely and provide monthly reports. The cost is $400 per year. Selectmen agreed it would be a good idea to try it for a year and see how well it works.

6:51 pm Neil Oleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ericka Oleson seconded. Unanimous.