Select Board Meeting

August 4, 2021

6:02 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Terry Green, Neil Oleson

Select board members absent: Mike Bedini

Others present: Jim White, Christine Dobbert, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Jon Oleson

Terry Green made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/21/21 meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

Terry Green made a motion to approve the Executive session minutes from the 7/21/21 meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* Neil let everyone know the Senior Center is open however there has not been much participation yet.
* Warner Brothers was awarded a recent contract.
* Terry asked when the audit would start. Christine informed her she is not sure as she is waiting for a response, but she will try contacting them again.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Out with the loader for the project on Central Shaft Road. Getting everything staged and ready to begin.
* 18-ton blacktop on Whitcomb Hill Road
* Mowing cemeteries and weed whacking
* River Road near where the kayakers and fishermen enter the water has been filled in.
* Moores Road from Cotes property to the bus turnaround 16 ½ gravel replaced due to washouts
* Tractor to be delivered 8/5/21
* Kevin Dodge carries liability insurance. Project to start Friday and should be done by Saturday night.
* Savoy Road and Lower Church Road to be rebuilt so it is ready for winter and plowable.
* Checked with Mass DOT regarding guardrails that were extended during recent construction to where people were able to pull off on Route 2 (the corner near Eastern Summit). Mass DOT stated they can either leave as is or extended the guardrails further, but they would not shorten them. They have been instructed to extend it further.

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Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Finishing up end of year reporting
* Library trustees would like to start interviewing potential candidates. Christine asked how the board would like her to proceed. Would they prefer to be included in the interviews or just Christine and the Library trustees? It was decided Christine would schedule the interviews and inform the Selectboard. If they can attend, they will. If not, Christine and the Library trustees will conduct the interviews.
* Zoom meeting with DEP took place this week regarding PFSA in water. There will be testing of ground water in any areas the Fire Department had used foam to help extinguish a fire. The DEP says the foam may contaminate ground water. The state is sending notifications via post cards to any possible homes that are affected by this.
* Highway Union negotiations will continue on August 18, 2021, with Kendall Bell.

Public Comment:

* Cindy Bosley inquired about the bench for Carolyn Cummings that was discussed at prior meetings. Terry informed Cindy the Library board has a meeting with the school committee and principal to discuss this further.

6:29 pm Terry Green made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter Executive Session. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

7:24 pm Terry Green made a motion to reopen the regular meeting and adjourn at 7:24 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.