Select Board Meeting

August 18, 2021

6:03 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Mike Bedini, Terry Green, Neil Oleson

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Jim White, Christine Dobbert, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Jon Oleson, Vicki Winchell, Misa Chappell, Martin McEvoy, Judy Oleson

Terry Green made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/4/21 meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

Terry Green made a motion to approve the Executive session minutes from the 8/4/21 meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* Marty McEvoy attended the meeting to introduce himself to the select board as the new principal of Gabriel Abbott Memorial School. Dr. McEvoy introduced himself and shared his excitement of opening school on August 25th and is looking forward to working with everyone.
  + He also mentioned the school is hiring a teacher’s aide for the 5/6 grade at $15 per hour, otherwise the school is fully staffed.
  + Marty was asked if DESE has stated a mask policy to which he replied no statements have been put out by DESE however Judy Oleson stated the school committee voted for K-8 indoor mask use by students, staff, and visitors. Terry asked if visitors are being allowed in the school. Marty said as of now there are no restrictions.
  + Neil questioned if there would be any distancing in the cafeteria. Marty said in addition to the cafeteria, they have a tent up outside to use during nicer weather, as well as the gym which will be used during lunch times.
  + Mike inquired as to how many students are in the school now and was told 101.
* Misa Chappell attended at the request of Northern Berkshire Cultural Council to be appointed as the Town of Florida representative to the council as no one had attended their meetings from town for a few years. Christine stated Cindy Bosley was the representative and asked Cindy if she wanted to continue. Cindy was unaware she was the representative and had no issues with Misa taking over the position.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Misa Chappell to the Northern Berkshire Cultural Council. Terry Green seconded. Unanimous.
* Terry Culpepper-Rysz submitted a letter of resignation resigning from the AJ Poirot War Memorial Committee effective immediately.
* Terry Green shared that the library has been painted and new carpeting has been installed.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Leftover block from Central Shaft Road project brought back to yard as well as extra stone.
* Received permission from Joe Foster to walk on his property to get to the river for the Savoy Road project.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor (continued):

* Mowing and weed whacking
* Took 2 loads of firewood to French on Savoy Road plus chipped brush.
* Planning to bring trailer down to Superior Spring to be worked on.
* Ordered 5 yards of concrete delivered to Central Shaft Rd project for 8/18/21.
* Requested Executive Session with the board at the next selectboard meeting.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Finishing up end of year reporting
* EMPG Grant coming out soon. Christine will meet with Jim and Mike to see if the highway or fire department have any needs.
* Working on the highway union contract
* DLS tax recap completed
* Started reconciling the balance sheet with Ericka
* The telephones are fixed.
* Emailed the auditor again for a date for the town audit but still have not heard anything back from their office.
* Scheduling a time with Mike Bedini for next week to view properties.
* 158 dump stickers sold to date.
* Interviews were held for the library positions however none of the candidates showed up. New candidates have been scheduled for August 18, 2021. There are two for the director position and 3 for the assistant director position.
* Senior Center is open. They are not overly busy, but people are starting to come out a bit more.

Public Comment:

* Cindy Bosley inquired about work being done on the church. Jim and Neil informed her the church is putting on new siding and replacing some siding from the Steeple.

6:30 pm Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter Executive Session. Terry Green seconded. Unanimous.

7:09 pm Terry Green made a motion to reopen the regular meeting and adjourn at 7:09 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.