Select Board Meeting

October 27, 2021

6:06 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, Ron Bosley, Vicki Winchell, Stephanie Pare

Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/28/21 meeting. Terry Green seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* A pole hearing was held for National Grid to move a pole on Phelps Road 15 feet. The purpose is to move the pole closer to get rid of the anchor on pole #3. This will get all the poles aligned.
  + Terry Green made a motion to accept National Grid pole on Phelps Road. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Reviewed the Special Town Meeting information being held after the Selectboard meeting tonight.
* Terry Green made a motion to put up the potential properties recommended by the Tax Collector to auction. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Terry Green informed the other members the library has received approval from the school committee to place the benches.
* Terry Green informed all that the library would be holding a Grand Opening on Saturday, October 30, 2021, starting at 1:30 pm.
* The Selectboard meeting the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is cancelled.
* Mike asked where they stand with regards to the timeframe for the property owners who received letters from the town to clean up their properties. Christine stated their time is up and she would check with Brenda Church, Building Inspector when Brenda returns from vacation. Mike also recommended they address Dobbert’s property that is being used as the scrap yard. The dumpster is being left out all night and the fence on the side is gone. There are also junk cars on the property which is against his agreement. Christine will send a letter informing Mr. Dobbert he is in violation of his agreement with the special permit he received from the town.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Mowing cemeteries and sides of the roads, blowing leaves.
* Cremation burial was held last week.
* Working on plow trucks
* Driver rolled into the swale with the Fire Department tankard truck during inspections. No injuries to the driver but there was some damage to the truck. It is going to Zwacks to be looked at.
* All highway trucks, fire department trucks and the school’s van passed inspection.
* The tires are being hauled away Thursday.
* Working on cleaning up the back yard. If they have time, he may check into getting a roll off box.

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Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Guys did a great job working at the compactor checking for valid stickers and sending those without them to the town hall to purchase new ones. Ron Bosley asked why the attendant doesn’t sell the stickers there to which he was told they’re to busy running the area plus it is easier to check the registration at the town hall to be sure the person is a town resident.
* HA George is working on the senior center stove. Element parts are dirty. They need to check if the parts are available and if it is worth fixing or replacing with a new stove.
* One of the town employees has inquired about a plow that is not longer used and if he can have it. Neil asked Jim to check into the value and possibly the town could sell it to the employee. Jim didn’t feel it was worth much and said the town won’t be using it. He will research a selling price. Mike suggested having the employee make an offer since they most likely won’t get much for it at the scrap yard.

Public Comment:

* Stephanie Pare brought up for discussion the continuing noise from the railroad. The fans are still running 24/7. The railroad was supposed to do that only during the repairs and now that repairs ended on October 1, 2021, the noise is still happening. Christine stated the railroad needs to run remotely to be able to turn them on and office. They cannot currently do that because of poor internet and cell service. The board will review the issue in a couple of months.
* Stephanie Pare asked what this years Halloween hours would be for trick or treating. The board informed her 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. She stated she would ask the school to do a robo call to the families informing them.

6:51 pm Terry Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.