

### Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall  
379 Mohawk Trail  
Drury, MA 01343

January 18, 2023

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

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, Terry Green (arrived 6:09 p.m.)

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Tim Zelazo, Ron White, Jake White, Mike Gleason, Joe Therrien, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Larry Cote, Karen Brule, Stephanie Pare, Brad Furlon, Stacie Abusi, Melanie Medon

Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2023. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous. Terry not in attendance for vote.
- Terry has requested if moving forward with a Special Town Meeting she would like to add information regarding obtaining the towns support to move forward with researching grants for a multipurpose building. Recap Solutions has offered to come and present to the town.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to grant Ronald Briggs Logging a business license. Terry I. Green seconded. Unanimous.
- Neil Oleson made a motion to grant Dobbert Recycling a business license. Terry I. Green seconded. Mike Bedini abstained.
  - Mike had concerns regarding an incident that happened at the compactor. Neil will discuss with Dobberts regarding compactor use for commercial use.
- Melanie, Stacie and Stephanie were inquiring on the clarification of the IT Grant and what it would cover. Terry will get the exact information but it was for a backup system, server, hardware and specific computers. It was discussed that any company could be purchased from, it does not need to be through Northeast IT. Neil felt there was no reason they could not buy computers through the grant however software needed will not be covered under the grant. That will need to be purchased through regular budget funds.
- Stephanie discussed the need for a municipal software system. She would like permission to reach out to companies for proposals to bring to annual town meeting. The board had no issues with this.
- Tim Zelazo questioned getting proposals as he did not think the town had a Chief Procurement Officer. Terry informed Tim she was the temporary CPO. Joan will be taking classes in February to become the CPO.
- Melanie informed the board Stacie has researched obtaining the .gov emails. She needs a letter from the town officials stating they are who they say they are and able to have florida.gov emails. Stacie will write a template to use. They are unsure of the cost.
- National Grid sent notice to residents that power would be out on January 24, 2023 from 9am to 9:30 am.

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Mike Gleason, Fire Chief:

- Fire Department is researching updated pricing information for a new fire truck. Three preliminary quotes presented to the board by Jake White. Tim Zelazo expressed concern regarding receiving quotes without being sent out to bid. The board assured Tim the quotes presented are only so the board will have an idea of how much to ask for at a special town meeting. If the town votes to move forward then this will go out to bid unless the town signs up with Sourcewell. They are a state-owned company that alleviates the bidding process. The FD would like to lean towards the truck that is \$615,000.00 as it is currently being built and can be received faster. The other two are 600-800 days for delivery. Grants are not an option as call volume is not high enough to qualify. Jake also mentioned having a newer truck would allow for challenging the ISO rating as it is a newer truck and carries more gallons.
  - Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation submitted a quote for \$592,000.00. Vehicle is a 1000-gallon E-One Fire apparatus on a Spartan Chassis pumper tanker.
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  - Shakerley Fire Truck Sales submitted a quote of \$619,515.00. Vehicle is a Toyne/FC-94 Side Mount 2000-gallon Stainless Steel Tanker.
- Mike Gleason questioned the process for joining Sourcewell. Terry responded it is a free program to join. Joan will need to complete the application.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Cindy asked for clarification regarding purchase of highway truck. Jim responded it should be received in June or July. It was on last years annual town meeting warrant.
- Dealing with snow and ice.
- Truck 1 is still at Delurey's being repaired.
- Blew hydraulic line on John Deere. Repaired it.
- Mike, Mike and Kyle worked on Whitcomb Hill cutting branches.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Covid tests are at the Senior Center for people to take.
- Board of Health paperwork being organized
- Organizing wiring and keeping plumbing and gas permits together.
- Treasurer, Collector and Accountant working well together.
- People would like a list for recycling information. Neil suggested making copies to hand out. Joan will send out with the next mailing that will be sent to residents. Mike suggested they include Burn Permit information as well.

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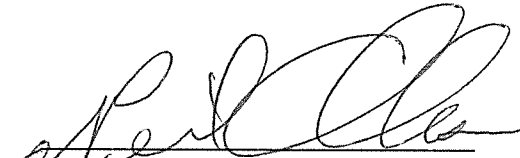
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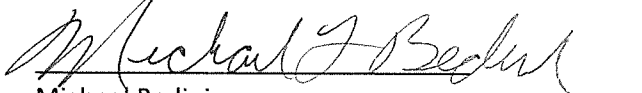
Public Comment:

- Ron brought up someone asking who the accountant was on the website. Joan will update the website with the correct information.
- Ron questioned information he found on Mass.gov called the Mass Works Grant Infrastructure Program. State put out 43 million for use in western mass. Mike and Neil questioned if it was for state roads only. Ron responded one town was using it towards a gravel road. The deadline to apply is June 2, 2023. Terry added there are classes that you can take by signing up on Mass.gov website.
- Ron asked if tax rate has been set. Neil responded it has not been sent yet.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair

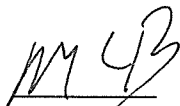


Michael Bedini

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Terry I. Green

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