

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

June 7, 2023

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

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

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, Vicki Winchell, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Roger Randall, Jim White, Diana Worth, Lisa Brown

Select board:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the Select board minutes from the meeting of May 24, 2023. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Annual Town Meeting discussed as well as free cash discussed. Neil asked Joan to check with Melanie and Stacey to see when it should be certified. Select board reviewed the prepared annual town meeting warrant.
 - Mike Bedini made a motion to sign the warrant for the annual town meeting. Terry I. Green seconded. Unanimous.
- Budget spreadsheet reviewed with the board and Cindy Bosley (finance committee member). The year to date spreadsheet was an older copy that had not been updated. Accountant is in the process of updating the balances. Terry has requested Joan contact the accountant to get remaining account balances. Mike asked Joan to notify the accountant to start giving account balances to department heads monthly or by warrant. The proper procedures to do line item account transfers and funds in the reserve account were discussed. Neil asked Joan to also contact Melanie to get the information needed on account transfers for a special town meeting. Mike informed the group that Mike Gleason let him know the Fire Department budget is over approximately \$10,000.00 this year.
- A joint select board/finance committee meeting has been scheduled for June 14, 2023 at 6pm. Terry will talk to Dave to attend. Joan will check with Melanie.
- Pole Hearing was scheduled per the agenda for this meeting. Joan stated no one confirmed from National Grid. Joan was unclear on the process. Mike asked Joan to confirm with someone from National Grid and that all abutters should be notified of the pole hearing and if there is confusion to follow up with the select board as soon as possible vs waiting two weeks until the next meeting. The board has rescheduled the Pole Hearing to June 21, 2023.
- Each member took copies of the IT proposals to review on their own. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- Terry asked if the refund money from the school windows had come in yet. Cindy responded the school committee is having a meeting and something was on their agenda regarding finalizing the project.

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- The animal control officer would like to have a violation book created. It will be multipart pages so the violator, dog officer, and town hall each receive a copy. She will contact Becks Printing.
- Neil reported the building inspector, BJ Church, has responded and completed all the building permits up to date. There were a few people who have not completed all the information that she contacted and informed them. Her permits are on file, originals of others have been mailed out or picked up. She's been keeping in touch with the board of health. She is up to date and has up to 30 days to issue a permit. Terry responded she sent her paperwork in last September and would like to know if her is included there. Joan will check into it.

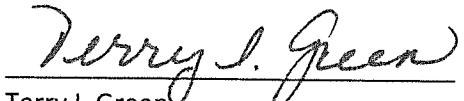
Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Received a letter from Mass DEP regarding North County Road saying they cannot do the intersection on Route 2 due to the lack of funds.
- Spoke with Mary at West Oil. She quoted a heating oil price of \$2.899 that would need to be locked in at. There is no diesel price yet due to the fluctuating market. Neil asked what the price from the online retailer was. Joan responded they said they do not have a price available yet, it would depend on where it was going and it is not promising at all.
 - Terry I. Green made a motion to lock in the price at West Oil for heating at \$2.899. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
- Dealing with millings
- Replaced the plugged and collapsed culvert at Eric Leclair's.
- Mowing cemeteries and side of roads.
- No beavers have been caught yet. He will be moving the traps.
- Completed a foundation for Colleen and Fred Hunkler's headstone.
- Submitted the guys for a 2% increase. Mike Worth, Mike Gleason and Roger. They all go above and beyond every day. They are not in the union. Can they get more than 2% increase? The one union is locked in at 2% so it is a question of giving more to the others. The board tabled the discussion to the next regularly scheduled select board meeting. They would like to call Kyle in for executive session.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Terry I. Green seconded. Unanimous.


Neil Oleson, Chair


Michael Bedini


Terry I. Green

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