

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

October 11, 2023

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

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini

Select board members absent: Terry I. Green

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth

Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectboard meeting of September 13, 2023, and September 27, 2023. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Allison Perkins as the Animal Inspector until June 30, 2024. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- The board discussed the open highway department position. Mike would like to advertise the position again and remove the pay and change wording to commensurate with experience. The board discussed whether to advertise it as a Utility Person position or not. Neil would like CDL and hoisting license preferred added to the advertisement. Joan will post the position in The Berkshire Eagle, Indeed and Iberkshires (Berkshire Jobs).
- Scanlon informed the town they are unable to do the audit. Tonya Campbell submitted a bid for \$30,000 to complete the audit. She will do the audit in mid-January.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Delurey's has not started on the truck yet. They are having a hard time getting the parts in. Jim let them know he needs the truck before November/December.
- Blacktopping Whitcomb Hill Road, River Road. Some small potholes left to complete with cold patch. Returned the roller last Friday.
- Mowing cemeteries.
- Getting trucks ready for winter and inspection which is next Monday through Wednesday.
- Truck 2 has an antifreeze leak. Called Delurey's to get price on turbo and labor.
- Truck 10, Ford F800, needs new brakes, cannisters and drums. Going to check with Superior Spring for quote.
- ProComm looked at the 2024 GMC to put radio and led strobe lights. The estimate is \$1931.40. Also called Petes about tires for this truck. 17" tires mounted is estimated at \$1379.82.
- Email received from Linda Cernak regarding a point system for recycling. Neil signed the document and Joan will send it back to Linda.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor (continued):

- The man who spoke with Jim about using the yard for staging the poles did not get the contract so it will not be necessary.


Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Keys for the lock will be coming in on the 20th. Joan will get copies made.
- State has supplied more covid tests to hand out.
- BJ Church is finding an issue with the solar panel companies having bad customer, employee relations. They are asking for things she's already done or send in incomplete paperwork. They accuse her of not doing her job and she must correct them. She wanted the selectmen to be aware she is doing her job correctly.
- Drew from Mayflower appraising the full 300 homes. Neil would like to know if he can let people know where he will be when.
- Still waiting on parts for the computer work.

Public Comment:

- Cindy Bosley questioned what the \$40,000 from Representative Barrett's office was spent on. It was supposed to be used for "infrastructure". Joan had informed Barrett's office it was spent on Wi Valley. Cindy questioned why as Wi Valley was grant funded through another source. Melanie Medon was working in the office and heard the conversation. She responded that the funds had come in in December 2022 and have not been spent. Joan will contact Representative Barrett's office to update them and ask if it can be used on software for the new computers.
- Diana Worth requested to have a lock on the farthest door of the dog kennel on the outside. Jim will take care of it.
- Diana is purchasing a jacket with ACO and name on it. Mike suggested checking into Becks Printing to have it made and reminded Diana she should be reimbursed for this purchase.
- Diana is starting a training this Thursday and next Thursday for 8 hrs. each day and will do it at town hall because the internet is better here than at her home.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

Terry I. Green

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