## Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall 379 Mohawk Trail Drury, MA 01343

June 5, 2024

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

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, Tim Zelazo

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth, Carlo Pellegrini, Pam White, Stephanie Pare

## Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the selectboard meeting on May 22, 2024. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the joint selectboard and finance committee meeting on April 17, 2024. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Job Descriptions were given to all board members to review and discuss at a later meeting date.
- Pam White questioned the bylaws on the agenda. Although it was on the agenda it was a topic that had been completed by the board at a prior meeting and should have been removed. Pam discussed several clerical errors found in the bylaws. The board suggested she attend the Planning Board's public meeting being held on June 7, 2024 to review the bylaws. They can then make corrections, if necessary, at that meeting.
- AT&T First Net Update Mike Gleason is waiting to get phones from AT&T to test them out. Elon Musk's satellite phone system was also discussed.
- New email addresses were reviewed. Board members will review the list and discuss at the next meeting which ones to not utilize due to the expense.
- Stephanie Pare has requested a monthly stipend for a cell phone as she does not want her personal number to be used.
  - Mike Bedini made a motion to approve Stephanie Pare a \$35 monthly stipend for a cell phone. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- Free cash has been certified for \$654,457.00. The board discussed how much to put into the stabilization account and decided to stay with the original proposed amount of \$350,000.00.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Lisa Brown and Debra Welch to the Council on Aging. Neil Oleson seconded. Tim Zelazo abstained.
- Stephanie Pare reported working with Cindy Bosley, Joan Lewis and the school department on Mass Digital Equity. When using this grant, you must pay ahead and then get reimbursed. Stephanie questioned adding something to the budget for next year for this. The board suggested adding it to Joan's supplies and expense account at the annual town meeting.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Tractor bids were discussed from the last meeting and where the funding would be taken from. Cindy suggested Joan work with Melanie to calculate what is left in the ARPA account. Jim recommended purchasing the Bobcat.
  - Mike Bedini made a motion to purchase the Bobcat tractor for \$29,125.80 from South Side Sales, out of ARPA funds. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- The deadline to apply for help from One Stop Growth has passed. The town did not make the deadline.
  Jim talked with David Stokes and had an estimator from All State come up to measure for Whitcomb Hill
  Road. He will give an estimate for Whitcomb Hill Road. He is also looking for any old engineering plans
  from when Whitcomb Hill Road was redone in the 1980's. Jim asked Joan to check with the Registry of
  Deeds for any plans. Tim will check into this also.
- Mowing cemeteries and repairs in the cemetery done.
- Flushing culverts, preparing for OSHA inspection.
- National Grid contacted Jim regarding an assessor's map to install a leaning pole near the cemetery. They want to be sure it is on town property. An assessor will be over to look up the map.
- Cindy Bosley questioned the progress on River Road. Jim waiting to proceed. When ready, he needs to file an emergency permit as it expires in 30 days. They have declared there are no protective plants where they are going to work. The project will most likely take place in July.
- Mike received an email from the windmill company regarding the Tilda Hill Road damage stating they
  would repair the damage. The contractor has someone who can repair it. Mike informed him that is fine,
  however it needs to be completed correctly.

## Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Joan contacted the state representative's office regarding adding the Whitcomb Hill Road Project to the state budget for FY 2026. Representative John Barrett will meet with the board to discuss the matter at some point over the summer. Senator Paul Mark gave Joan a contact who would like to be at the meeting as well. They have requested Jim to have a report on the project and costs associated with it ahead of the meeting.
- The Building Inspector, Brenda Church, had someone request a building permit be approved for 2 homes on one property even though there is not enough frontage. They have the plans started but have not purchased the property yet. Brenda feels the town should have a Board of Appeals appointed to protect the town. The Board agrees a Board of Appeals is not necessary as the bylaws do not allow for what they would like to build.

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## **Public Comment**

• Carlo Pellegrini questioned how Tiny House is defined in the town bylaws. All RV's with wheels are not allowed by the bylaws. A tiny house can go on a property if it has septic and water, the wheels need to be off and the building must be clamped down otherwise it is an RV, which is not allowed.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.

Neil Oleson, Chair

Michael Bedini

Timothy Zelazo

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