

Select Board Meeting  
March 4, 2020

6:00 pm meeting called to order.

Select Board members present: Mike Bedini, Ericka Oleson, and Neil Oleson.

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Jim White, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Mike Gleason, Jessie Burdick and Vicki Winchell.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/19/20 meeting. Mike seconded. Unanimous.

Mike Gleason, Fire Chief, Florida Fire Department:

- Jessie Burdick presented maps to scale to the Selectmen detailing the FD desire to increase the building size from 60x80 to 80x80. Their concerns are that the 60x80 size is not enough room to fit all FD equipment in the one building. In order to be self-sustaining, utilizing an 80x80 size would fit all equipment currently owned by the FD into the one building, with some room for growth in the future. Selectmen will all options.
- Mike Gleason presented to the selectmen for signature a FD grant that would cover the expense of a new washing machine that can be used to wash their turnout gear. Washing machine is estimated to arrive around June. Selectmen recommended it be placed in the Senior Center basement as the water in the current FD is not suitable for this.
- Mike Gleason has sent a letter to Nate regarding repeater for radios to utilize a town wide system.

Selectmen:

- Neil updated the FD on inquiries regarding the needed suppression systems. Early estimates are running about \$8 per square foot. He will check with a couple other places for estimates.
- Mike B. will contact Westall to get an estimate on a price for a set of blueprints for a new FD.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

- There is a Broadband meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Town Hall.
- The Senior Center floor has been completed. No issues.
- Wi-Valley might have radios to offer to utilize a town-wide system. Christine will check further with them for more details.
- New rates for the town Health and Dental plans have been received for FY2021. Health is up 5.9% and the Dental has gone down 1.9%.
- Christine passed her Serv-Safe exam.
- Christine met with Brian Hurrigan from Zoltec. He is going to submit a proposal to the Selectboard to build solar fields on Bliss Road and Tilda Hill Road. The energy would be sold back to National Grid. He will attend a Selectboard meeting once the proposal is ready to be presented.

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Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

- Update on trucks; #10 at Superior for work, Cemetery truck passed inspection.
- During nice weather the guys have been doing pot hole repair and cutting brush.
- Jim found a new company to purchase the cold patch from at \$7.75 per bag.
- Mary Burdick, resident located on Central Shaft Road contacted Jim regarding ice by her driveway. He determined the water is coming out of her property causing the buildup.
- A resident at 160 Tilda Hill Road contacted Jim about water coming down the road and washing out his driveway. Jim told him if he buys a culvert (available at cost from the town) the highway can install it.
- Jim will check into River Road culvert that is completely blocked
- A new recycling bill is needed. Casella has them for \$6,000-\$7,000. Jim recommends purchasing a new one next fiscal year vs trying to repair it. It's difficult to repair as it would need to be completely emptied and then the entire bottom would need to be replated.
- Savoy Highway Supervisor is willing to buy the towns Paver for \$4,000-\$5,000. It was decided to list the paver and a roller for sale on various online marketplaces first to see if either could sell for more money
- New highway employees are working out great. Jim requested to send one employee, and possibly a second to Baystate Road for training in June. They are also being trained on running the compactor area.

Misc.:

- The current compactor employee will be let go from the position at the end of the fiscal year. The compactor will then be staffed by other highway department employees effective July 1, 2020. Recent highway new hires were hired as Utility employees and were informed they would be required to work weekends and have been being trained for compactor work.
- It was clarified that regarding the Compactor the Board of Health is in charge of it as far as cleaning, passing inspection, repairs, and recycling program. They also recommend rates to the Selectmen however the Selectmen approve and set the rates. The town is responsible for staffing the compactor.

7:29 p.m. Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.