

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

February 1, 2023

6:05 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini,

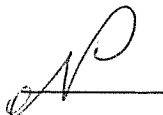
Select board members absent: Terry I. Green

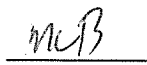
Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Roger Randall, Jake White, Cindy Bosley Ron Bosley, Mike Gleason, Joe Therrien, Jamie Richardson, Karen Brule, Stacie Abusi, Ron White, Eric

Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2023. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Stacie Abusi followed up with the .gov email addresses and domain name. She found out an IT provider is needed to host the domain. Preliminary costs were expensive due to the original list having 68 email addresses. The IT grant cannot be used towards this. The board will review the list to consolidate and reduce the number of email addresses needed. Stacie will contact some local companies for quotes. All agreed one of the most important needed is cyber security. Cindy Bosley questioned what the grant is to be used for. Neil responded it can only be used for labor, migration services, hardware and perpetual licensing one-time fee. It cannot be used for software. Stacie would like to review the grant to know what can be purchased through it.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the business license for Roger J. Arigoni Jr. doing business as RJ Auto Repair. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the business license for Christadora Inc. doing business as Manice Education Center. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the business license for Brent Bergendahl doing business as Poets Seat Water Company. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike discussed the municipal agreement with the electric company. The Board was under the assumption the entire town is enrolled into it unless you individually opted out. That is not the case. Ron Bosley commented he found out that if you enrolled in 2014 and earlier you are automatically swapped and anyone who enrolled after 2014 was not. They would have to call to request it. Discussions took place as to how towns people were notified. Current aggregate is up in November 2023. Jake White commented there is a link on the town website with the information. Neil would like the information included in the next mailing that is being sent out.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Dealing with snow, ice, freezing rain and sleet. A lot of branches and trees down.
- Truck #1 is back.
- Chapter 90 for Tilda Hill approved.
- Working on the webinar for the one stop growth program.
- Washing trucks
- Jamie Richardson thanked Jim and all the guys for the work they do.
- Ron Bosley asked when Tilda Hill would be done. Jim replied it would be done June of this fiscal year and is being paid from Chapter 90 and the Winter WRAP Grant.
- Highway Dept. Union contract is coming up for renewal. Jim would like to discuss use of vacation time as people are calling in at 6:15 a.m. and using a vacation day. Jim feels it should be at least a 24-hour notice to be used. The board discussed making a policy and will address it at the next contract negotiation.
- Back roof addition on the garage has leaking around all the screws. They all need to be replaced and the roof is rusted. Mike suggested a special coating that goes over the screws to treat them so it does not leak. Received quote for repairing
- Received quote for windows on Fire Station and a quote for vinyl siding. Waiting on quote for all windows for Town Hall. Will call around and get two more quotes then will submit all to the board.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

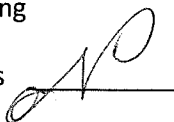
- Jim and Joan's computers are maxed out on the hard drives making them very slow. Northeast IT advised Joan it'd be cheaper to purchase new computers. Jim's is too old to update.
- Working on the website
- Taking classes.

Public Comment:

- Ron Bosley asked if the Special Town Meeting has been scheduled yet. Mike responded Lisa is in the process of scheduling it.
- Roger Randall asked when the annual town report would be done. Joan responded departments are in the process of working on it.
- Roger Randall asked if there is an inventory of equipment and fire trucks so the public has knowledge of what we have. Neil responded we can compile a list of the different equipment.
- Cindy Bosley asked about dog licenses. Joan responded they just came in.
- Cindy Bosley asked if there is anything on taxes. Krista Bishop was working in the Assessors office and came out to respond. They cannot do anything yet. They are waiting on the financial side of it. The financial team is playing catchup. When the bills do go out they'll most likely be due in May. Cindy then asked when the excise tax will come out. Krista responded she did just receive the commitments.

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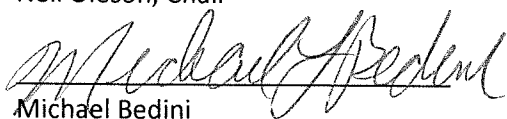




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Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

Terry I. Green

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