

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

April 12, 2023

6:00 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, Brenda Church, Donald Saunders, Heather Saunders, Diana Worth, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Heidi Dugal, Lisa Brown, Al Bedini, Brad Furlon, Roger Randall

Selectboard:

- Minutes from the Selectboard meeting on March 29, 2023 could not be approved as Neil was not at that meeting and Terry was not present at this meeting. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Brenda Church, Building Inspector, attended at the request of the board due to recent concerns about her being unreachable. Brenda discussed a recent illness she had that interfered with her work. She gave Joan her contact information and asked Joan to update the town website with it. She asked it instruct people to text/email Brenda the information to be followed up on, including any problems, as she receives on average 50 calls a day. Brenda is also the zoning board contact. Joan will update the website with that information as well. Building permits are at the town hall and can also be found on the town and state websites. Things can also be dropped at town hall for Brenda. Brenda clarified that septic system fails and wells are the Board of Health areas. Brenda also clarified that she cannot enter a property without being permitted unless a problem can be seen. Then she can enter. Roger Randall questioned camping concerns. Brenda responded she needs written complaints and what the concern is. Heidi Dugal invited Brenda to attend their Board of Health Meetings. Brenda will start to meet with the Board of Health once a month.
- Neil stated the town bylaws are being updated with town council. Cindy Bosley questioned Brenda on the difference of a travel trailer, motor home, and RV. Brenda stated there is no difference. They have to be hooked up to a well and septic with electricity on a platform. Wheels are not permitted for living full time.
- Donald and Heather Saunders attended due to a recent complaint filed against them with the Dog Officer. The Saunders' stated that their attorney told them they are entitled to know who complained about their dog. They believe it was one neighbor not two. They were reminded the complaint was about a noise issue late at night, not a neighbor complaint. Neil told them they will not be told who the complainant was. The Saunders' also feel it was not legal to talk about the dog complaint without having them present at the meeting. Neil stated it had to be discussed first and stated that there were complaints because of the opening meeting law. Then they could discuss it. The Saunders' brought up concerns regarding the neighbor's septic and well issues. They informed the board it is 10 feet to close to the property and also a ditch that is not fitted yet therefore water is not draining properly and, on their property, now. The Board of Health will look into the septic complaints.

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- Town counsel advised the town that there should be a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding work being done to use the funds awarded for the IT Grant. Mike suggested the town pay \$300 for Mad Mac's to write the RFP and be done. The original contract with Northeast IT has been retracted because the town needs 3 bids. The process is being done.
- Neil and Mike signed the warrant for the town election and gave to Lisa Brown. Elections will be held on May 1, 2023. Roger Randall asked where the required 3 posting locations are. He was informed Town Hall, the school and a mailing to all residents as it is cheaper to mail than to post in the paper.
- Neil and Mike approved and signed the Common Victualers license for the Manice Education Center.
- Carlo Pellegrini was assigned to the Finance Committee.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Cleaned up roads from the snow storm.
- Delivering wood and wood chips to town people.
- Repairing dump truck
- Property on Peanut Road was discussed regarding a structure and the need to get a waiver of liability.
- The bid on paving Tilda Hill was awarded to Warner for \$246,000.00
- Brad Furlon asked about a grant on Whitcomb Hill Road for repairs. It was responded that it is still being done.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

Terry I. Green

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