

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

May 10, 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, Vicki Winchell, Jim White, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Mike Worth, Diana Worth, Mike Gleason, Tim Zelazo, Roger Randall, Donna Randall, Carlo Pellegrini. Stephanie Pare and Melanie Medon present for public comment portion of meeting only

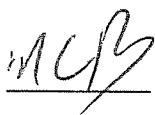
Selectboard:

- Due to the restrooms being out of order Mike Bedini made a motion to suspend the meeting at 6:01pm to move to the Senior Center and continue there. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to reopen the meeting at 6:05 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the Selectboard minutes from the meeting of April 12, 2023. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- The IT contract Request for Proposals deadline is May 26, 2023.
- Since he was not present at the last meeting Mike discussed the Hold Harmless Agreement for the property on Peanut Road. He was informed the agreement has been signed by the town and the owner. Jim is working on a time to take care of the situation. He will also call around for the best pricing for a dumpster to be used there.
- Tim Zelazo, representing the Council on Aging, discussed the procedure for people to reserve the Senior Center for personal use. Tim also questioned the bylaws from 2001 where there was no mention of it being a Community Center. Neil gave Tim the back history on the Senior Center as it was originally built as a Senior Center through a grant. After five years It was allowed to be changed over from Senior Center to Senior/Community Center. There was confusion recently as to who people should contact to reserve the center. The Senior Center Directors are working on preparing new rules. Neil asked they be presented to the board upon completion.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Gave the board year to date expenses from Melanie and the state rates for heating fuel as requested by Terry at the last meeting. Neil questioned if those prices were for delivery and a set price or variable price. Joan will follow up on that. West Heating oil is \$3.9945 but expected to decrease over the summer.
- Contacted Tom Scanlon and he can do the audit but hasn't given a price. Joan was instructed to do a Request for Proposal due to the cost of an audit.

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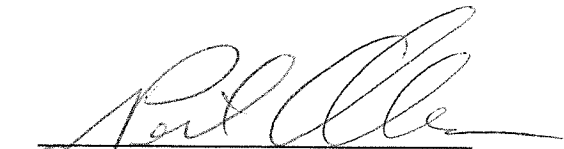
Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor

- Cemetery cleaning
- Worked on Olsen Road
- Fixed lawns from plow damage this past winter
- Checked roads, swept out swales
- Vehicle maintenance
- Septic's for Senior Center and Town Hall being pumped out soon
- Prepped for black topping on Tilda Hill Road
- Tim Bakke was asking if the town can plow to the Old Bliss Farm on Old Bliss Road. The road was not plowed that far in the past however Mike replied if someone owns the property and needs to insure it the road has to be maintained. Jim will keep it open.
- Jim showed a copy of the cancelled check from Kyle for his hydraulic license. He has not been given a date for the exam yet.
- Guys did a great job while Jim was on vacation.

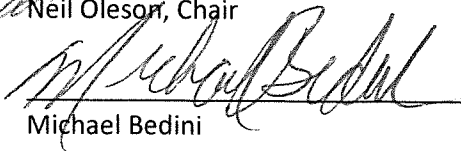
Public Comment

- Stephanie Pare discussed the Best Practices Audit they have recently been contacted by the Division of Local Services about. The audit will look at the financial departments. This audit was requested by a board member several months ago. The interviews have been scheduled for two weeks on the next meeting night. Stephanie would like for it to be postponed. They have all only been in the position a few months and are working diligently to clean up the paperwork from 2022, complete 2023 and also start 2024. Between still doing all of that and the end of the year they feel this is not a good time. Mike suggested they contact the auditors and try to reschedule to a better time.
- Stephanie Pare will change the hours for the Tax Collector to the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

Terry I. Green

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