

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

July 5, 2023

6:00 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Terry I. Green

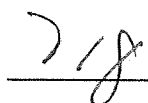
Select board members absent: Mike Bedini

Others present: Joan Lewis, Vicki Winchell, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Roger Randall, Jim White, Mike Gleason, Tim Zelazo

Select board:

- Terry Green made a motion to approve the Select board minutes from the meeting of June 21, 2023 with some corrections. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- A letter from the lawyer was drafted regarding the Windmill company doing damage to the road. The letter was written incorrectly. Corrections were made by the board and Joan will update the letter and send it out. She had already made contact verbally informing the windmill company of this. Discussion held regarding laws surrounding doing damage to a town road.
- The lawyer representing the wind mills requested minutes from the town meeting held 20 years ago where the town approved the windmill lease. Joan is working on finding them.
- National Grid sent a letter regarding the requested pole hearing. They would like to postpone this as the cost of the poles was more than anticipated. The landowner may want to go underground instead.
- On behalf of the Council on Aging, Tim Zelazo presented the Florida Community Center reservation polices for the board to review. The council would like the director to have the say of approval for who can use the center. However, they would like the select board involved as well. A checklist has also been created for the renter to follow and sign off on. Another concern was having someone to chaperone any rentals. Roger Randall recommended gathering a list of volunteers to oversee events. Cindy worried so many restrictions would hinder the younger crowd. Terry also brought up the age requirement. Joan suggested cameras. Tim noted the feedback. The board will review the information.
- Updated account figures requested by the board from Melanie for a joint select board/finance committee meeting to be held on July 12, 2023.
- Request received from Derek Rougeau for all the information concerning Rick LeClair's relationship to the town of Florida during the time period of 1/1/18 through present as well as any communication between Rick LeClair and Mike Milazzo from 1/1/18 to present. Terry directed Joan to reach out to the legal counsel for a response.
- Terry checked with Joan regarding contacting Mad Macs to inform them they have the contract. Joan responded yes and Melanie had her reach out to them about her computer as well.

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Select board (continued):

- Terry followed up with Joan regarding the \$50,000 playground grant check that was written out incorrectly to the school union. Joan did not talk to Ronna. She will call tomorrow. Neil asked her to also see if they have a timeframe as to when they are looking to start the playground.
- Terry followed up with Joan regarding the retiree health plans. Joan talked to Stacie and Melanie who told her when the retiree buys the buyback people have to do it themselves. Joan was supposed to call Berkshire County Retirement for directions.
- Some highway vehicles are supposed to go out to bid. Jim will take pictures.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Mowing cemeteries and road sides.
- Put out millings on driveways and road sides on Tilda Hill Road.
- Going to be laying out topsoil as soon as the heavy rain is done
- Cleaning swales
- Taking care of downed trees
- Pushing down the paper and demo boxes
- Chapter 90 forms. Melanie, Jim and Select board members signed for \$119,203.83. The total cost of the project was \$252,012.32. The additional \$132,808.49 was funded from the winter wrap grant. Jim gave Joan the information to scan the forms to David Stokes at Mass DOT as a pdf.
- Interested in a Dodge 5500. Neil suggested looking into it at a later date.
- Talked with Tony Arigoni regarding windows being done at the town hall. It was approved last year. Tony needs to know if the project is moving forward. Neil suggests moving forward with the town hall as the windows are very outdated and it takes multiple people to open one.
- Jim's laptop missing MS office software. He will reach out to Mad Mac's about it.
- Kyle Kuczynski did not show up to pick up his personal items and pay check today as he was told. Joan will reach out to him. Terry advised Joan to make notes of when she calls him.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Dump stickers are in. They are \$10 and \$5 for each additional. Joan will work Saturday, July 15, 2023 during dump hours for any residents who need stickers.
- Working with Lisa on the town reports. Several departments did not want to give information for two years. They are asking for only the most recent year. Due to the turnover, Neil advised they can write due to covid there is no information for one year.

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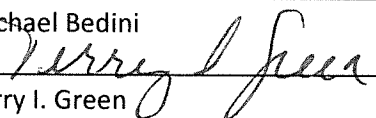
Public Comment:

- Tim Zelazo brought up concerns regarding discontinuing use of some roads that are private but still listed as public. Some roads are not maintained and unpassable but still listed as a legal town road. DOT shows 39.83 miles of road however Tim added them to 39.89. Terry informed Tim Jim is able to go on Map It where he can see and print the map with the mileage. Neil advised Tim to draw something up they can send to town counsel.

Terry I. Green made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair

Michael Bedini


Terry I. Green

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