

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

August 16, 2023

6:04 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, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Diana Worth

Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 2, 2023. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Resumes were reviewed for the highway department position. The board agreed to run the ad for two more weeks. Joan will look into the cost of running the ad in the Berkshire Eagle as well.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Timothy Keating as the Wire Inspector. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Jeremy Dodge as the Dog Officer. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Highway Department Dump Truck Bid opening. Two bids were received.
 - McGee Chrysler Jeep, Brattleboro - \$69,775.24 for a 3500 Dodge. Bid price includes everything except it would be an additional \$7,000.00 to have a Fischer straight blade.
 - McAndrews King, Adams - \$61,332.00 for a 2023 GMC Sierra 3500 with a dump body
 - Discussions held regarding the two options.
 - Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2023 GMC Sierra 3500 from McAndrews King. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
 - Mike will contact McAndrews King to inform them they have won the bid.

Public Comment:

- Diana wanted to publicly mention that the dog officers do not handle bears. She has had 3 messages about bears. Residents need to call the environmental police. Joan will post the Environmental Police telephone number on the town website.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Crack sealing estimate received from Indus through Berkshire Group Purchasing. The estimate is \$44,992.00 to seal on Blackstone Rd., Stryker Rd., Monroe Rd., Moores Rd and Moores Rd Extension.
- Tilda Hill has been completed.
- \$500 deposit towards a total of \$5000 has been given to the town from the logging project on South County Road in case road damage happens.
- Mowing cemeteries and roadsides.
- Taking care of downed trees
- Windows are in and project will start soon.
- Town hall door malfunctioning randomly. Contractor will check into it.
- Neil questioned a recent Casella bill. There were several invoices. Jim believes many of the boxes were picked up in the same billing period.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Working on the annual town report. Just waiting for the accounting figures.
- Dump stickers are selling well. Roger would like to discuss a pay increase. The board will discuss road crew rates next time all three board members are in attendance.
- Met with the Assessors. Pulled all the building permits needed for Mayflower. Larry does not have all his training done. Joan will contact him.
- New properties for sale in town has generated more calls regarding septic questions. Joan would like to know how to handle them. Neil informed her to pass the calls on to Al Bedini in the Board of Health.
- Joan discussed the purchase of a paper shredder. She is getting two quotes through the state purchasing program. Discussions were held regarding the option of using a company to pick up or to buy a shredder. It was recommended that Joan reach out to Ronna at the school union office for information as they use a shredding company.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

Terry I. Green

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