

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

October 25, 2023

6:01 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, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth

Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectboard meeting of October 11, 2023. Neil Oleson – yes; Mike Bedini – yes; Terry I. Green - absent.
- Several applications were received for the highway position. The board would like to interview Joel Paszko, Jason Rider and Robert Pedercini, Jr. Interviews will take place on November 1, 2023, starting at 5:30pm. Joan will contact Terry to inform her and call the candidates to schedule their interviews.
- Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club donated \$100 to each of the following departments: Florida Church, Florida Library, and the Florida Senior Center.
- Trick or Treating hours are set for Halloween night, 5-7:30pm.
- Neil attended the NBSW meeting where he learned Casella will be raising the haulage prices to \$397.07 per haul and \$110.32 per ton. The exact date of the increase was not announced but he believes it could possibly start at the beginning of the new calendar year.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Cleaning up the trees that were down due to the high winds.
- Truck inspections went well.
- Cleaning swales, mowing cemeteries, and roadsides.
- Zwacks started working on the new truck on October 13th.
- Tony Arigoni was wondering if he still had the contract for the FD windows and siding on Upper Church Rd. The board had discussed previously they wanted to hold off until next year.
- Telephone call with Linda Cernak regarding tire disposal. She sent information that the town needs to increase their tire disposal fee. Family Tire from NY came and picked up the current tires.
- Jim and Joan received a letter from Mass DEP regarding large entity reporting. This report requires a compiled list of trucks over 8500 lbs. The report is due in March however Jim was working on it on weekends and completed it.

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Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Catching up on work from being out on bereavement leave.

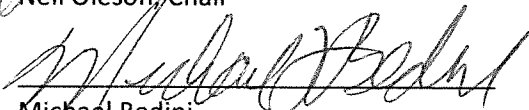
Public Comment:

- Diana has new forms to complete with every animal pickup the dog officer does. They are an intake and a bite form. The animal owner, ACO and town hall will each get a copy. The completed form should be stored at the town hall for 2 years.
- Diana has spade/neutering discount forms should anyone need them. The resident would need to meet the criteria to qualify. The nearest vet that accepts them is in Pittsfield.
- There was an incident with a dog bite.
- Diana needs an official ID. She will check with Becks Printing to have one made.
- Diana informed the board there is a Mass law stating it is mandatory for all ACO's to go through training.
- Ron Bosley asked for an update on Mad Macs computer work. The server is on order and should be here next week.
- Cindy Bosley discussed the \$40,000 the town received last year. It can be used for any type of public access to broadband.

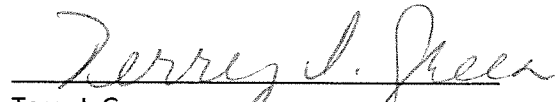
Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini



Terry I. Green

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