

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall  
379 Mohawk Trail  
Drury, MA 01343

February 14, 2024

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

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

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth, Mike Gleason

Selectboard: Bid opening of sealed bids for Stove, Trucks and Bus

Ford F350 Van Bids

- Michael St. Pierre \$877.00
- Joseph Barker/JB Auto \$755.00
- Susan Olsen \$1200.00
- James Sweener \$1250.00
- Ernie Perry \$525.50

Stove Bids

- Michael St. Pierre \$707.00
- Lori Demato \$750.00
- Bounti-Fare Restaurant/David Nichols \$651.00
- Eve Terpak \$800.00
- Ernie Perry \$500.00

Chevy Parts Trucks Bids

- Joseph Barker/JB Auto all parts and container for Chevy Trucks - \$4555.00
- Alex Dachenhusen \$1000.00
- Ernie Perry \$2125.50

Mike Bedini made a motion to accept the bids for the chevy parts & trucks miscellaneous will go to Joseph Barker/JB Auto for \$4555.00. The van will be awarded to James Sweener for \$1250.00 and the stove will be awarded to Eve Terpak for \$800.00. Terry I. Green seconded. Unanimous.

Joan will contact all winning bidders. Stove proceeds are to be returned to the senior center.

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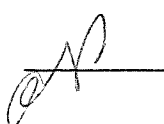

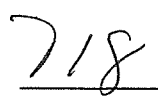
Selectboard (continued):

- Wind farm lease and easement have been signed and the lawyer is still waiting for the return of the documents.
- The employee manual is just about done. Neil will send it to the lawyer first. Terry would like to review it before goes to the attorney. Joan will copy for Mike and Terry as Neil has a copy.
- Job descriptions will be reviewed one more time.
- Town budget – Cindy Bosley reminded the board the ARPA Funds must be committed by Fall 2024 and spent by next year. Cindy estimates there to be \$130,000-\$170,000. Due to the length of time it takes to get an ambulance up to residents in town, Cindy advocated for a LUCAS machine to be purchased for the town emergency first responders out of these funds. This machine does chest compressions for you. The cost is around \$15,000-\$20,000. There is a large amount of flexibility for spending these funds.
- Cindy Bosley requested lighting for the outside at the Library. Very dangerous. The board will discuss this with the school.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to Grant John S. Fields his yearly business license, Terry I Green seconded. Unanimous.
- Terry I. Green made a motion to approve the minutes from January 31, 2024. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
- Terry I. Green made a motion to approve and sign the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Warrant for the Presidential primary. Mike Bedin seconded. Unanimous.
- Terry I. Green made a motion to approve the FY2025 MIIA Health Benefits Trust renewal agreement. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
- Health rates will go up 7.9% for FY2025.
- Paint stewardship bill endorsed by the board. Terry I. Green made a motion to endorse the paint steward bill H823, S542 and S551. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
- Terry requested Joan leave copies of the items they endorse in their files as well so they can refer to them in the future.
- Flag Policy added to processes and procedures. Terry I. Green made a motion to adopt the Town of Florida Flag Policy that represents the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Military flags only. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Plowing roads.
- Studs replaced on truck 10.
- Dave Stokes approved work for Central Shaft and Stryker Road.
- Tires put on the International. Waiting for a radio to be installed.
- Tree work and chipping brush.
- Truck 1 is running ok.

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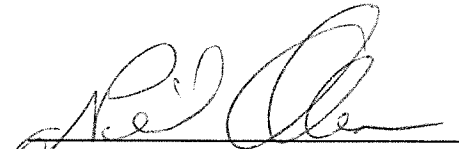
Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Lisa has her state computer. Printers connected.
- Setting up emails.
- FD must still be hooked up as well as Stacey for the computers.
- Terry requested telephone bill information at the last meeting. The telephone bill is \$567.50 for town for the regular bill and an additional \$55.40 for the senior center as well as \$55.40 for the Fire Dept. Terry questioned how many extensions this is for and would like to compare pricing. She has instructed Joan to reach out to Mad Macs and Spectrum for quotes as well as to find out when Spectrum will be in the town hall area.
- Working on employee manual, job descriptions and budget to be typed up. Joan expects the budget to be ready by the next meeting. Waiting for a few more departments as well as the school.

Public Comment:

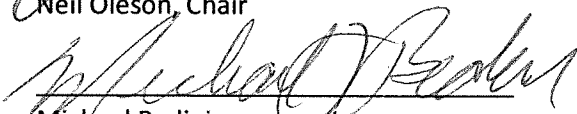
- Mike Gleason discussed searching for grants to start replacing the radios.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Terry I. Green seconded. Unanimous.



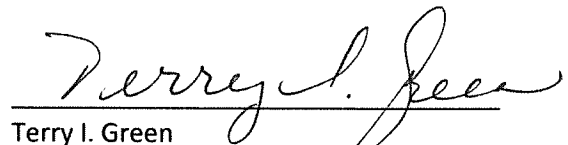

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Neil Oleson, Chair




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Michael Bedini




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Terry I. Green

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