

## Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall  
379 Mohawk Trail  
Drury, MA 01343

March 27, 2024

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

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini

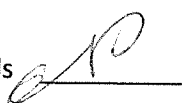
Select board members absent: Terry I. Green

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth, Tim Zelazo, Mike Gleason, Jamie Richardson, Carol Pellegrini, Stephanie Pare, Lisa Brown

### Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2024, select board meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Lisa H. Brown to the finance committee. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Stephanie M.L. Pare to the finance committee. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Telephone System Quotes
  - Mad Macs submitted a written quote for the telephone system. This would cover Town Hall (including highway department) as well as Senior Center and the Fire Department. The quote is through the company Sangoma. Upfront costs are \$271.89. Monthly charges would be \$261.89. The fax machine would require an additional upfront charge of \$150.00 for a 4-port fax device. Monthly recurring charges for the fax range from \$20-\$40, based on use.
  - Verizon refused to give a quote.
  - ATT – Joan and Terry are working to get a quote.
- Mad Macs also submitted a quote for a service agreement for the computer system, security, and data management of \$1310.88 per month.
- James Martin received the signed copies of the agreements. He still needs to record it.
- Neil reported Terry in the process of reviewing the bylaws and employee manual.
- The dog officer never received a budget request form. Joan will send her one.
- Joint Selectboard and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 4pm at the Town Hall.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to sign the discharge lien for Daniel and Linda Burdick of 108 North County Road. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.

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Selectboard (continued):

- Mike Bedini discussed repair needs at the senior center. A quote was presented from Arigoni for the following: Replace 4 windows, with labor \$4311.86; Repair the bathroom cracks, miscellaneous cracks in the drywall and ceiling, and paint \$4295.00; Repair roof leak \$695.00. Mike questioned if this would be budgeted for next year from building and grounds. Cindy requested a gate at the top of the stairs. Terry is absent from the meeting and Neil needs to abstain from voting on this issue therefore it is tabled until the next meeting.

Mike Gleason, Fire Department:

- The LUCAS is on order and a loaner is in place until the new one comes in, which should be 3-4 months.
- Radios ordered for the new truck.
- New truck arrives March 28, 2024. Discussed who registers and applies for the title.
- Mike thanked all for the support received after his accident.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Followed up with Dwayne Mundy regarding stairs for the compactor. His company can no longer get them. Neil suggested checking with Merrit Burdick to see if RI Baker can make them. McCann cannot make them as it is a liability for them.
- North Adams sheet metal came to look at truck 2 and put a quote in.
- Cleaning up trees and brush off the roads from high winds.
- Cold patch in potholes
- Emailed Ted Burnell regarding the Humvee's. He needs to check into it more to see if they can be sold to the public or scrapped.
- Due to the incident on River Road Jim would like to take a safer route when it comes to trees and hire a tree company. Wants to put money into a tree account.
- No breakdowns.
- Tilda Hill Rd damaged by M&L Contracting. Tried calling them several times and contacted the person at the Windmills regarding the damage. The road should be milled, tack seal and repaved. Jim would like Warners to fix it as they did the original work. M&L should be responsible to cover the costs.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Taxes coming in.
- Working with Linda Cernik.
- Doing release of liens. More coming in.
- Assisting the assessors when trying to remote into the computer. The computer shuts down often.
- Northeast IT cannot do backup due to the firewall.
- Working on Mike Gleason's accident report and with the insurance company. Stacie informed the board that Mike's workers compensation pay is based on the past 52 weeks of pay. She verified Mike will have to pay his share of his health insurance out of pocket until he is back to work.

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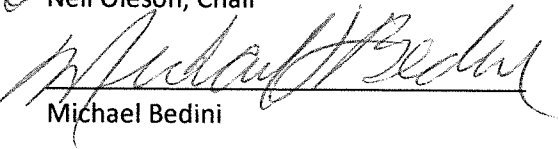
Public Comment:

- Tim Zelazo brought up a discussion on bylaws.
- Tim Zelazo reminded the board of HIPPA.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

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Terry I. Green

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