

## Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall  
379 Mohawk Trail  
Drury, MA 01343

April 10, 2024

6:02 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

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

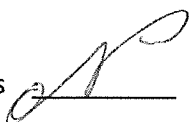
Select board members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth, Mike Gleason, Carlo Pellegrini, Lori Tuper, Steve Brown, Anna Hernandez-Krol, Stephanie Pare

### Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2024, select board meeting. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Terry I. Green made a motion to approve the proposal agreement for Mad Mac's master service agreement. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
- Anna Hernandez-Krol of the Manice Education Center attended the meeting to introduce herself to the board.
- Terry I. Green made a motion to grant the Manice Education Center the Common Victualler's license. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Terry working on the employee manual. She has reached out to different departments in the state for information.
- Terry did not receive the email regarding the budget meeting held earlier today. She has asked Joan to reach out and let her know via her cell phone when meetings are scheduled. New email address is not working. Terry will contact Mad Mac's about it.
- Telephone System Quotes. Quote from Mad Mac's was received. Terry and Joan met with ATT and are waiting on their proposal. Terry feels ATT offers better services and will help with efficiency. ATT would be using the wireless internet service as well.
- Neil checked into the business service for Starlink for internet. There is an initial \$1000 setup, and it is approximately \$200 per month.
- Neil asked Joan to schedule a budget meeting with the school department and McCann. The next joint meeting for the selectboard and finance committee is scheduled for April 17, 2024.
- The bylaws are still being reviewed.
- Terry I. Green made a motion to accept the warrant for the town elections for May 6, 2024. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.

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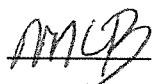
Selectboard (continued):

- Quotes for the Senior Center repairs reviewed. This was tabled from the last meeting because Neil needs to abstain. The repairs needed are roofing, replacing the vent, leak in the bathroom, interior crack repairs of sheet rock in the bathroom, priming and painting, repairing ceiling, replacing some broken windows. The quotes from Arigoni Contractors is as follows: the replacement of the windows is \$4311.86; repairs for sheet rock, cracks, painting \$4295; roof repair is \$695. Discussion held regarding taxes owed by contractors or employees in town.
  - Mike Bedini made a motion to accept the bids from Arigoni Contractors for the senior center pending verification the contractors' taxes to the town are paid in full. Terry I. Green seconded. Unanimous. Neil Oleson abstained.
- Terry informed Joan all the paperwork to be completed for the awarded community compact grant is due on June 24, 2024. Joan should have an email showing all the information she will need to submit to meet the guidelines on the paperwork the state had sent them. Terry has requested to see a copy of the information Joan will be submitting prior to her submission.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- There is a bad 5-foot culvert on River Road by Melanie's house. Steve Brown spoke regarding this project. The Conservation Commission is involved because the highway crew will have to be in the stream for the repair. There is a hearing set up for April 26, 2024, at 1pm. MESA (Mass Endangered Species Act) is also involved because the work will be disturbing some of the area. Steve needs the Selectboard to declare this job an emergency repair for the protection and health of the citizens of Massachusetts. Once the project starts the road will be closed until the pipe is back in, putting a hardship on fire, ambulance, school buses, and any residents traveling the area. The board discussed the possibility of opening the old road for people to get through. If the project is staged it could possibly be completed in a day.
  - Terry I. Green made a motion stating that we have an emergency for River Road that clearly demonstrates that it needs to be repaired as quickly as possible for the protection and health of the citizens of Massachusetts. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
  - Joan will prepare a letter for the board to sign stating the above information. Steve will need this for the state.
- Jim passed along to Joan information regarding grants and rural roadway funding information. Cindy interjected on behalf of the finance committee stating they believe there are a lot of unused funding sources out there Joan should check into.
- Cutting brush on River Road
- Dealing with the snow and ice, a lot of trees down from the last two windstorms
- Worked on the retaining wall by Charlemont Bridge
- Whitcomb Hill – using chapter 90 to repair the road. It will cover all except the labor. The abutters have no issues.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor (continued):

- Spoke with Zachary Webber and Zachary Haiken regarding the road damage on Tilda Hill Road. Zachary Haiken runs the Tilda Hill windmill project and Zachary Webber is based out of Oregon. Been dealing with Zachary Webber more than the local contact. The damage from the dozer is 144 feet long. The entire road needs to be repaired; they cannot do just part of the road. The repair estimate is \$23845.00. From the building maintenance up to the access road the windmill company has been running their snow kat. The repair estimate is \$47241.50. Jim is meeting via zoom with both Zach's on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss.
- Truck 1, 1996 Paystar has a bad frame. Jim would like the board to decide what to do with it. It could only be sold as parts. Jim will take off all usable parts. Jim will let Mike know when it is ready to go out to bid and Mike will advertise it.
  - Mike Bedini made a motion to remove truck 1 out of service and to sell the vehicle for parts. Terry I. Green seconded. Unanimous.

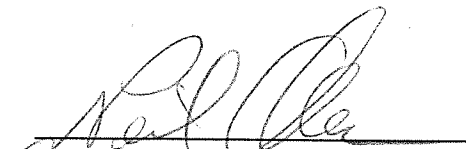
Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- IT people setting up at the Senior Center.
- The assessor's computer still goes to sleep when someone is remoting into it.

Public Comment:


- Stephanie Pare will be advertising the tax takings.
- Cindy Bosley informed the board that the \$20,000 for the windmill extensions came in.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 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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