

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

June 19, 2024

6:01 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, Tim Zelazo


Select board members absent: None

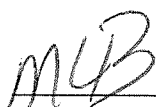
Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth, Mike Gleason

Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the minutes from the selectboard meeting on June 5, 2024. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- Neil instructed Joan to remove item 3 (*call in by telephone conference call for Selectmen member with roll call vote*) from future meeting agendas, as well as *employee job descriptions* listed under Continuing Business.
- AT&T First Net – Mike Gleason reported that himself, Jim White and Mike Worth each tested phones out from this program. The coverage was good in most areas. Service is \$41.99 with hot spot or \$36.99 for a phone service without hot spot. The telephone itself was as inexpensive as \$1 to purchase. Telephone numbers can be transferred to these should employees choose to use these and no longer receive a stipend for using a personal phone. Jim and Mike would like to move forward with these. They would like five phones (three with hotspots and two without) plus three additional boosters for the fire trucks.
 - Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the purchase and use of five telephones from AT&T First Net, three with hot spots, two without hot spots and the purchase of three additional boosters for the fire trucks. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- Email addresses tabled for a future meeting.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Patricia Tovani and Sarah MacLennan to the Council on Aging. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous. Tim Zelazo abstained.
- Cindy Bosley questioned Tim's need to abstain from Council on Aging votes and was concerned there would not be enough board members to vote as Neil abstains from financial matters concerning the council. Tim informed all he will be completed with his term this month and will not be rejoining the Council on Aging.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Contact was made with Melanie Cheesman regarding the Tunnel culvert project, for a list of botanists. The project cannot start until a study has been completed by a botanist. Jim reached out to Emily Stockman to do the study on plants. The cost is \$2850.00.
 - Mike Bedini made a motion to authorize Jim White to sign the required paperwork needed to contract with Emily Stockman to do the study for \$2850.00. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- Spoke with Dave Stokes. Chapter 90 getting \$106,215.00.
- Chip sealing project going out to bid July 5, 2024.
- Mike received an email from Tom Ante regarding the Tilda Hill Road damage. They agreed to repair the road properly but cannot do it until September, unless a cancelation comes up in the contractor's schedule. Mike feels it should be done in August. The board prefers it to be done in the summer so there is time for the road to cure before winter. Mike will respond that they prefer it to be done in August.

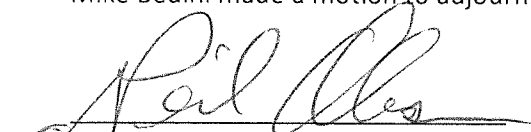
Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Community Compact Grant has been spent down. Working on the Digital Equity Grant with Stephanie Pare.
- Had keys made and organized.

Public Comment

- Diana Worth questioned if there is any word on the Wheeler's residence. The property is attracting rats. A neighbor had one in his home. Tim Zelazo cited the Nuisance Law. Neil informed Diana the Board of Health is going to inspect the property next week.
- Diana Worth discussed a tag sale she attended next on Central Shaft Road. There was a porta potty on the neighboring property with a foul smell emitting from it. Neil said the Board of Health will investigate.


Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini



Timothy Zelazo

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