

# Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall  
379 Mohawk Trail  
Drury, MA 01343

August 14, 2024

6:00 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, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth, Pam White, Cindy Bosley, Helen Martin

### Selectboard:

- Tim Zelazo made a motion to approve the selectboard meeting minutes from the selectboard meeting on July 31, 2024. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Helen Martin has requested a business license. She will be selling local goods from in front of her home, seasonally and weather permitting.
  - Mike Bedini made a motion to issue a business license to Helen Martin, dba Martins Station at 141 Mohawk Trail. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Selectboard signed the state primary warrant.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to appoint Diana Worth and Jeremy Dodge as the animal control officers. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- Three highway applications have been received to date. The ad will continue running until the end of August. The board will review the candidates at that time.
- Mike reported he contacted the person regarding the Windmills about the road damage done to Tilda Hill Road. They will be fixing the road in the last week of August. Mike informed them if it doesn't happen the town will fix it and send them the bill.

### Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

- Jim presented each board member a binder with the responses to the OSHA violations. Violations reviewed with Jordan. Corrections due to OSHA August 27, 2024. Some training was part of the violations. Jim has signed himself and the highway crew up for Chainsaw Training and Slips, Falls and Trips. Workplace safety notice to be published in all town areas, Garage, Senior Center, School. Chemical list posted in Jim's office. The guys have reviewed the forms and know how to review the binder when working with any w. Employee Incident Report Sheet created.
- Tighe and Bond, working with New England Power, will be coming up in the next 2 years to start working on the main power lines out of North Adams, into Florida and Monroe.
- Waiting for All State to chip seal. They have had several rain delays.
- Rough quote to do Whitcomb Hill Road from Warner Brothers is \$5.7 million. This does not include line painting, police detail, permits, signage or tree work. Representative Barrett will be attending the Selectboard meeting scheduled for September 25, 2024, to discuss this.
- Discussed chip sealing on Whitcomb Hill Road

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor (continued):

- Received information back from Emily Stockman. They did not find any endangered plants. Jim has approval to do the culvert on River Road. Will have to post the emergency repair in the paper for two weeks when ready to do the project.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Working with MIIA on safety policies
- The accounting team needs one more computer. If they cannot use the computer at the Senior Center, they will need to replace the old desktop they have as it never got updated as discussed in the IT Grant. Joan will contact Mad Macs about it. She will also request an itemized list of equipment received from them.
- Stephanie Pare has ordered the laptops for the school from a grant the school received.
- Joan is taking vacation 9/9/24-9/13/24. She will get everything ready for the selectboard meeting before she leaves for vacation.
- Working on the bylaws with Lisa Brown.

Public Comment

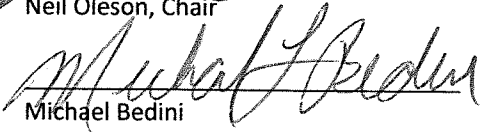
- Pam White questioned if the town has a public records officer or clerk. The small towns usually have the town administrative fill this role. The board will investigate it.
- Diana Worth informed the board Jeremy was not attacked by a dog. He was bitten on the hand, but the skin was not broken. The dogs' vaccinations were up to date.
- There is a cat in the dog kennel. The animal went to the vet and is required to be kept in quarantine for 10 days. The animal will then go to No Paws Left Behind.
- Diana Worth had a call with Bill from MSPCA regarding a home with several animals. They let Diana know she has to have contact with the 7 dogs inside the home of a local resident.

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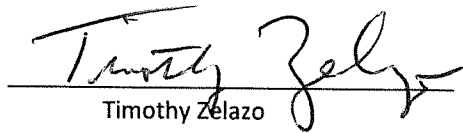
Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini



Timothy Zelazo

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