

# Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall  
379 Mohawk Trail  
Drury, MA 01343

August 27, 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, Ron Bosley, Diana Worth, Ron Briggs, Mike Gleason

### Selectboard:

- Mike Bedini made a motion to approve the selectboard meeting minutes from the selectboard meeting on August 14, 2024. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.
- No new highway applications have been received since the last meeting. The ad will run for a couple more weeks.
- Mike received an email from Thomas Anti, regarding repaving the damaged area on Tilda Hill Road. Their asphalt contractors are tied up and unable to do the project in the timeframe the board is requesting. The company has offered \$8,000.00 to cover the costs of hiring someone. Jim will check with Warners on their availability. A preliminary estimate from Warners earlier was \$23,000. Mike has requested a letter, as well as a telephone call from Joan to the windmill company representative requesting them attend a selectboard Supervisor meeting to discuss this issue.

### Jim White, Highway Department:

- The estimate to chip seal Whitcomb Hill Road is \$232,585.00.
- Mowing cemeteries, senior center
- Completed blow out patches around town
- The cost to get rid of all the tires in the yard was \$6,183.00.
- The heating chamber is burnt on both sides of the furnace in bay 1 of the garage. West Oil quote is \$11,500.00. Discussion has been tabled to the next meeting for Jim to obtain two more quotes.
- Jim has been working with Edward MacNeil regarding DLS violations that have been responded to. The cases are closed.
- Jim and Joan are attending a MIIA training course, Managing Safety and Health in the workplace. Jim and the highway crew also attending Communication and Personal Protection Equipment training.

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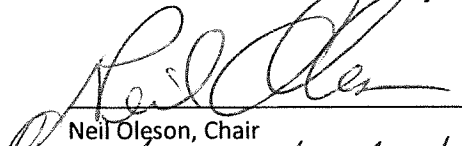
Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Working with MIIA on safety policies
- The accounting team needs one more computer. Mad Macs submitted a quote for \$999.99.
  - Mike Bedini made a motion to purchase a computer for the accounting department. Tim Zelazo seconded the motion.
- Town policy has been sent out to the Department of Labor Standards.
- Working on Municipal Digital Equity Grant.
- Town bylaws sent to the Attorney General’s office for approval.
- Working on MVP Grant.
- Working with building inspector. Changing the policy and all information to be sent to Joan when a resident needs a building permit and Joan will then email the building inspector. Joan will update the website.
- Representative Barret will be attending the September 25, 2024, meeting.

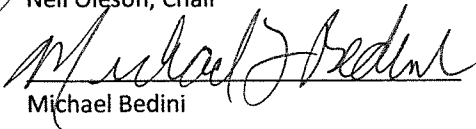
Public Comment

- Audience member discussed mailbox issues in the Drury section of town. She has been waiting 10 years for a mailbox to open and has been paying the expense of a PO box in a neighboring town. Someone moved into the area and took an open one. The post office says there are no more available. They have given her permission to install a box herself by the cluster of mailboxes if she has the selectboards permission. The Selectboard saw no issues, and all approved her installing one.
- Ron Bosley asked for an update on the emails. Joan has not received information from Mad Mac’s they are ready yet.
- Ron Bosley asked for an update on River Road culvert repairs. There is a conservation meeting on September 13, 2024, at 12pm. This notice had to be posted for two weeks. Once the meeting happens, they can start the project after that.
- Vicki Winchell reported to the board she would be unable to attend the next meeting.


Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini



Timothy Zelazo

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