

Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall
379 Mohawk Trail
Drury, MA 01343

October 9, 2024

5:07 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini

Select board members absent: Tim Zelazo

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Diana Worth, Joshua Morris

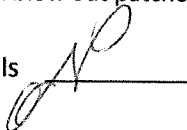
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- Highway Department Interview with Joshua Morris. Has hydraulics 2A 1C. The last position held was at Wheel Estates. Worked doing all the mowing, pool maintenance, sewer and water line maintenance, mechanical work on the machines and vehicles. CDL expired, however he is willing to renew it. Mike reviewed the on-call needs of the position as well as the importance of having a CDL and the need for an employee who will remain in the position long term. Joshua also has experience working with the Adams Highway Department and a landscaping company. Neil explained the position. Joshua has worked on cars and trucks but does not have experience working on heavy equipment. Jim discussed the needs of the position and the importance of teamwork. Joshua had no questions for the board. The board will discuss Joshua's interview with Tim at the next meeting.
- Mike and Neil discussed Joshua's qualifications as well as the other two candidates; one of which cancelled and the other did not return Joan's call for an interview.
- The board discussed the possibility of potential fill-ins until the position can be filled. Joan will continue to advertise.
- Mike Bedini made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 25, 2024. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- One application was received for the custodial position to clean the Senior Center and Town Hall.
 - Mike Bedini made a motion to hire Evelyn Bascom for custodian position for Senior Center and Town Hall. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Rabies Clinic will be held at the Fire Department on April 12, 2025, from 10am to 12pm. The cost will be \$26 per vaccine. S. Deerfield Clinic will be providing the service.
- The state election warrant was reviewed by the board.
 - Mike Bedini made a motion to sign the warrant for the state election. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
- Trick or Treating hours have been set for October 31, 2024, from 5pm to 8pm.

Jim White, Highway Department:

- Mowing cemeteries
- Tree cleaning
- Swales cut and blacktopping multiple roads
- Working on blow out patches.

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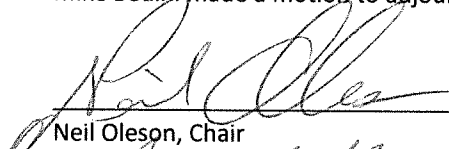
Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

- Telephone systems working. Gonetspeed replaced some equipment.
- Continuing to email permits to BJ. The new system is working well.
- Lisa and Joan sent out documents for the state election last week.
- Working on MVP grant with Pete Westover
- Met with David Stokes and will assist Jim with Chapter 90.

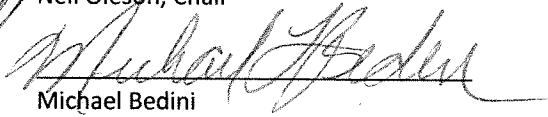
Public Comment

- Diana Worth, Animal Control Officer updated the board on the following:
 - Letter posted on Lindsay Packard’s door on Saturday. Did not hear anything and spoke with Felicia Packard that now owns the property. Diana told her she would give her a couple weeks to remove the animal otherwise the animal would be taken.
 - Another incident happened with the great Dane on Central Shaft Road and dog going on other properties. This is the 4th time. Diana and Joan will work on drafting a letter to send to the owners, informing them there is a \$50 fine per dog, each occurrence, that will be enforced.
- Ron Bosley questions if Tilda Hill had been repaired by the windmill company. The board responded that it has been completed.
- Ron Bosley questioned if anyone had investigated the grant resources Representative Barrett discussed at the last meeting. Joan found a couple and printed them but will keep looking.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:02 pm. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.



Neil Oleson, Chair



Michael Bedini

Timothy Zelazo

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