April 9, 2025

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, Jim White, Vicki Winchell, Diana Worth

Selectboard:

* Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the minutes from the selectboard meeting on March 26, 2025. Neil Oleson seconded. Unanimous.
* Update on MVP and HMP core team meeting. Discussed national flood insurance program and restrictions and criteria for having it. It is feasible if they want to designate a small area.
* McLain Electric started the work on rewiring in town hall. Lisa Brown's office was not included in the original bid. The new bid has not been submitted by them yet for the assessor’s office.
* Lee audio giving a proposal to update the fire system. Joan is going to have them add quotes for the highway department to include heat sensors. Will get quotes to research heaters in the bathroom and the fan in the town hall main office.
* Rabies clinic being held on April 12, 2025, at the fire department from 10am to 12pm. Adams will be having one soon that will include a free microchip.
* The current website cost for updating it is $549.
* Richard Longland submitted a written request to start a community orchard. He expressed interest in the cleared land next to school. The board felt there are too many concerns to use the school land.
* Tim Zelazo made a motion to appoint Joan Lewis to be the full member of Northern Berkshire Opioid Abatement Collaborative Advisory Board and Lisa Brown as the associate member of the NBOAC. Mike Bedini second. Unanimous.
* Mike Bedini made a motion to give Christadora Inc, dba Manice Educational Center, their common victuallers license. Tim Zelazo second. Unanimous.
* The town attorney does not recommend the town be involved with Pineapple Express Cannabis Delivery.
* There is a planned National Grid outage on April 22, 2025, from 10am to 2pm.
* Mike Gleason will need to get an estimate for painting some areas of the fire station. Cannot use the building and grounds account to cover the cost. It must come out of the fire department’s budget.
* Mike Bedini discussed how difficult it is to get the state police to patrol in town for traffic control. A suggestion was discussed to use the speed radar signs. Jim will check into the price and if one could be funding through Chapter 90.

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Jim White, Highway Department Superintendent:

* Handled snow and ice issues
* Weed wacked River Road guardrails.
* Completed cleaning debris from the winter.
* The woodchipper is not back yet from being repaired.
* Bridge report on the Florida/Charlemont bridge located at the end of River Road was given to the board members. Florida will share the cost with Charlemont. It will need crack sealing again. Bakers is making a stainless-steel pipe to replace the downspout where water is causing it to rust.
* Road sweeping takes place the second week of May.
* Jim was approved for his vacation request.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

* Trying to get a hold of BJ for the board of health. She will be at town hall on Friday.
* Town Hall closed on Patriots Day.
* Joan’s vacation request was approved by the board.
* The attorney needs a month to finish working on the personnel policy.
* Working on the budget spreadsheet.
* The agreement is signed with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for the housing grant.
* Lisa and Joan are working on sending out warrants.
* Working on the bylaw changes at state level still.

Public Comment:

* Diana Worth, Dog Officer: Someone has left three messages for BJ and she's not returning calls. A resident has questions regarding building shelters for their animals. Neil will be talking to her Friday and will pass the information along. Contacting her by text is the best recommended option to reach B J. Neil also informed all that anything under 200 sq ft does not require a building permit.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm. Tim Zelazo seconded. Unanimous.