April 23, 2025

6:08 pm meeting called to order by Mike Bedini.

Select Board members present: Mike Bedini, Tim Zelazo

Select board members absent: Neil Oleson

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 April 9, 2025. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Update on MVP and HMP core team meeting. Leaving the information up on the website so residents are aware of the upcoming meeting on May 10, 2025.
* McLain Electric submitted two bid proposals. One for emergency lighting and one bathroom heater $355.00 and the second to include the town clerk office as well as additional lighting $1475.00. The total for both projects is $1830.00.
* Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the McLain Electric bid proposal for $1830.00. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Mike discussed the need for speed radar signs. Jim had three quotes: Migma Systems, Inc. $2490.00 and Marlin Controls $4200.00 plus an additional $1230.00 with a 10’ galvanized post with square base, bringing the Marlin Controls total to $5430.00. Jim recommended Migma Systems and too purchase 3 of them.
* Tim Zelazo made a motion to approve the use of $8500.00 from Chapter 90 to purchase 3 radar speed feedback signs from Migma Systems, Inc., to be placed on Central Shaft Road, Tilda Hill Road and River Road. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Concerns were raised regarding placing the speed radar sign on Tilda Hill Road. Years ago, the former highway superintendent lowered the posted speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph without going through the state. Mike requested Joan check with the state to see what the process is to legally lower the speed limit.
* Mike asked Lisa Brown to gather all the budget information for the next meeting. Lisa is meeting with the other finance committee members on Monday, April 28th. A joint meeting with the selectboard and finance committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th at 5pm.
* Tim Zelazo made a motion to appoint Neil Oleson to the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District as the representative for the town of Florida. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Tim Zelazo made a motion to appoint Lisa Tanner to the Woodlands Partnership of Northeast Massachusetts. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.

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Jim White, Highway Department Superintendent:

* Warners submitted a bid for repair of the Charlemont/Florida bridge for $84,305.00. This includes overlay, milling, sealing, and tack coat. Jim will obtain two more quotes for the project. Mike requested an agreement in writing with Charlemont stating they are responsible for half the repair costs. Jim will get two more quotes and see if the contractor could bill Florida and Charlemont equally for half of the project costs.
* Quote from Indus, Inc. for crack sealing of South County Road, Upper Church Road, Monroe Road, Tilda Hill Road, Oleson Road and North County Road up to Oleson Road. $34,752.00.
* Any repairs on Blackstone Road to be tabled until FY 2027.
* Eric Poirot has resigned from his position. He was employed less than a year but was a good worker and has left on good terms. Jim has requested to pay him out his accrued vacation time.
  + Tim Zelazo made a motion to pay Eric Poirot his four earned vacation days as well as Holiday pay for Patriots Day. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Jim gave the board a doctor’s note from an employee who is now cleared to return to work on April 28, 2025.
* Doug Miller is willing to come back to work to help while they are down a person. He can work up to 1200 hours per year. Jim would like to utilize him for the mowing. Doug will need to supply an updated health card.
* Jim reminded all about his upcoming vacation he was approved for.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

* Free rabies/microchip clinic by Berkshire Humane Society being held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 4 to 6 pm at 86 Summer Street, Adams.
* Waiting on quotes from Lee Audio for the fire alarms and heat sensors. Mike suggested they also look at the Senior Center. Joan will contact them to give them the new information and request the quote be submitted in time for the May 7th selectboard meeting. Mike asked Joan to also check into their monthly monitoring fee as well.

Public Comment:

* Diana Worth questioned where the unspent funds from the appropriations go. The board informed her funding goes back to free cash. She needs to purchase a special net. There is enough money left in her budget to purchase it this year.

Tim Zelazo made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.