Town of Florida Select Board Meeting

Florida Town Hall

379 Mohawk Trail

Drury, MA 01343

July 30, 2025

6:01 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, Vicki Winchell, Jim White, Chris Curtis, Michael Tatro, Sheila Comstock

Select Board:

* Tim Zelazo made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes from July 16, 2025. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Tim Zelazo made a motion to approve the executive session board meeting minutes from July 16, 2025. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* A Pole Hearing was held. Michael Tatro from National Grid attended the meeting to discuss pole placement on South County Road.
  + Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the proposal from National Grid to install 1 new pole (Pole 5-1) on property on South County Road. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Chris Curtis from Deerfield River Wild & Scenic Study presented study results of the Deerfield River Wild and Scenic study. Their goal is to gain support from the selectboard. Phase 1 of study focused on 23 river segments in Massachusetts. The Deerfield River has numerous outstandingly remarkable values that make this river worthy of National Wild and Scenic River designation. Support for designation has been received from 14 other local towns. If this were to be designated it would mean protection of the river and its outstanding values, partnership river funding, also may find an increase in tourism and related economic development.
  + Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the Deerfield Water Shed Proposal. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Review of the town personnel policy is tabled until the next selectboard meeting.
* Review of the report for MVP and HMP Grant is tabled until the next selectboard meeting.

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Quote submitted from Indus Crack Sealing for sealing from Whitcomb Hill Road down to the Florida/Charlemont bridge and Monroe Road for a total of $42,181.56. This quote was obtained by Jim through Berkshire Regional Planning.
  + Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept the proposal from Indus Crack Sealing for $42,181.56 for PCRM Cracksealing on Whitcomb Hill Road to Florida/Charlemont bridge and Monroe Road, to be paid out of Chapter 90 funds. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.
* Quotes were received for tree work. This discussion is tabled to the next meeting.
* ProCom Services submitted a quote for radio, hardware, installation and strobe lights for the new Ford 550 highway truck in the amount of $3,159.33.
  + Tim Zelazo made a motion to accept ProCom Services estimate of $3,159.33 to install radio, antenna, warning lights on truck, to be paid out of Tractor and Machine account. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.

Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

* A resident sent a complaint in regarding another resident shooting on their own property. The state police checked the area, and it was safe to do so. Shooting needs to be done at a reasonable hour due to noise. Joan checked in with the board of health first and Mike clarified it is a selectboard issue. This same resident wants to run a gun shop on their property. The planning board is involved, and it is at least 2 years out.

Public Comment: None

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 7:16pm. Tim Zelazo second. Unanimous.