Town of Florida Selectmen Meeting

Florida Town Hall

379 Mohawk Trail

Drury, MA 01343

September 10, 2025

6:00 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson

Selectmen members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, Tim Zelazo

Selectmen members absent: None

Others present: Joan Lewis, Vicki Winchell, Jim White, Diana Worth

Selectmen:

* Tim Zelazo made a motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2025, with one correction. Diana Worth was accidentally listed in the minutes as Diana Wentworth. Mike Bedini seconded the motion. Unanimous.
* Town Personnel policy discussion tabled until the next meeting.
* MPV and the HMP grant are waiting for a state response.
* Quote received from Tony Arigoni for repair of the Welcome to Florida sign. Total quote is $3975.00. This includes repair, paint and cutting and clearing of the overgrown brush around the sign, as well as two spotlights for the sign.
  + Mike Bedini made a motion to approve up to $3975.00 for Tony Arigoni to refurbish the Welcome to Florida sign. Tim Zelazo seconded the motion. Unanimous.
* Discussion on hiring of a new highway department worker was held. Mike feels they should post the position with a requirement of a CDL and a 2b hydraulic license. Joan has been instructed to post the position in the same areas she did last time.
* There is an incident command system class being held on September 19, 2025. Tim and Joan will be attending. Mike and Neil will check their schedules.
* Mike and Jim posted bid notices for the old backhoe and tractor, the board previously approved to sell. Sealed bids are due September 19, 2025, and will be opened on September 24, 2025.
* McCann informed the board that the town of Florida’s share of the repairs that are being completed will be approximately $290,000.00.

Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* Blacktopping
* Cremation burial for Ed Dupree was completed.
* New canisters on truck #2 and #10.
* Mike asked Jim to get a new headboard for truck #10.
* All boilers are being cleaned by West Oil.
* Painted the compactor shed, fuel tank, and citizen sand box.
* Three solar speed limit signs were installed.
* All fire extinguishers have been inspected.

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Joan Lewis, Town Administrator:

* Manice Center community dinner being held on September 26, 2025.

Public Comment:

* Diana Worth reported that she and Jeremy Dodge took their yearly class. She requested clarification on where the emergency shelters are in town and if animals are allowed with the family members. The school is an emergency shelter, however, there currently is nothing official is in place as far as animals being brought to the shelter, except for service animals. The board expressed concerns over allergies.

Mike Bedini made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Tim Zelazo second. Unanimous.