

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: December 5, 2016
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the head table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner and Selectman Brazie. Also present were Rebecca Turner, Tom Sierau and Susan Bachelder.

The meeting was video and audio recorded.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 21 meeting were accepted with minor corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Juliette Haas as the primary Records Access Officer, and Mary Brazie as secondary.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt a regulation allowing for consulting fees being collected by anyone applying for a grant of location permit. (Regulation attached).

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Donald Peck as the Highway Foreman effective January 1, 2017 at the hourly rate of \$19.47 with a 6-month probationary period, and to be evaluated at the end of the probationary period.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mount Washington Road has been approved to be placed on the TIP list. CHA will be asked to put together a scope of work for the survey and 25% design that is needed.

SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The Board reviewed the draft response to Charlie Ketchen's email asking the School District to consider the closing of the South Egremont school with Historic Commission members Rebecca Turner and Susan Bachelder. The letter will be edited to remove comments that may be construed as inflammatory and reviewed again on December 19. There is still confusion over the work schedule for the repairs to the schoolhouse. Mary will check with the consulting firm to see if a schedule has been established.

Chairman Flynn will draft the Freedom of Information Act request to the School for the next meeting. The Board will ask for the new assessments, an end of year budget, and monthly budget reports.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Charles Ogden to the Compensation Committee. The Board will ask that Personnel Director Bill Tighe set a meeting date of the Committee.

Tax bills have not been printed yet due to value issues. It has been determined that the tax rate won't change and the value issues will be dealt with after the Holiday. The Department of Revenue felt the value discrepancy was not substantial enough to hold up the bills. Bills will be printed after two errors encountered are resolved. There was discussion about the issues that keep popping up in the Assessors office and how they might be remedied.

The Board felt that a public information meeting to answer questions about the electric aggregation should be scheduled at the convenience of Juliette Haas. The mailers have gone out to only those residents who have electric supply from National Grid.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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