

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: March 21, 2017  
Time: 9:00am  
Place: Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Flynn, Vice-Chairman Turner, Selectman Brazie,  
Also present were Steve Rawlings, Susan Bachelder, and Sam Rappaport(Berkshire Record).

This meeting is audio and visually recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Legal Counsel has sent a letter to the School District notifying the school administration that they have illegally voted to suspend operations at the South Egremont School and asking for corrective action. The Board noted that this is a breach of contract. To date there has been no certification to the Town of the FY 2018 budget. The Board will place the minimum required contribution on the warrant. Charlie Flynn reported that school administrators signed an MSBA agreement in December 2016 obligating the towns to pay up to 50% of repairs and maintenance on the foundation budget without consultation with the towns or the school committee. This agreement will be sent to legal counsel for review. Legal Counsel will also be asked to look at the statutes in regards to certification of the budget. Susan Bachelder reported that the Monterey Selectboard has expressed its support of Egremont in voting down the school budget.

The Board approved the letter to MBI asking for an extension to make a decision and asking MBI to get clarification on Charter's position regarding the 6 towns it proposed to offer Broadband to. As well the letter notes that Egremont wants a seat at the table for negotiations with Charter. The Technology Committee will host a public information meeting on Saturday, April 1 for residents to ask questions of the vendors and the Committee.

The Board signed the renewal of the Fire Mutual Aid agreement. The Assistant/Deputy Fire Chief signed in place of the Fire Chief who is out of town.

The Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

A petition was indeed received for the ballot question to have the town appropriate funds to remove snow and ice from private ways.

The Board will schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee prior to Town Meeting.

If the funds needed to get the Surplus Truck on the road does not pass that amount, \$45,000, will be transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization fund.

The Board will meet again to, hopefully, wrap up the budget and warrant on Tuesday, March 28 at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54am.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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