

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
MINUTES

Date: June 5, 2017
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the table were Chairman Turner, Vice-Chairman McGurn, Selectman Brazie. Also present were Juliette Haas, Terry Cowgil(Berkshire Edge), Ken Gogel, Steve Rawlings, Eileen Vining, Bob Warner, Chet Delaney, Corey Willey(Berkshire Record).

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

At 7:03pm the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session for strategy with respect to litigation and strategy for contract negotiations with a non-union employee. The board will return to open session.

The Board returned to open session at 7:52pm.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 24 and June 2 meetings were accepted as presented.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Juliette Haas, Green Committee, asked for approve to include a recycling brochure in with the upcoming tax bills. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board scheduled a special town meeting for Thursday, June 22 at 7pm at the Mount Everett High School Cafeteria. The articles on the warrant will be:

ARTICLE 1: Vote to raise and appropriate \$1,511,376.00 for the Fiscal Year 2018 Southern Berkshire Regional School Operating and Transportation costs.

ARTICLE 2: Vote to raise and appropriate \$47,676.00 for the Fiscal Year 2018 Southern Berkshire Regional School Capital costs.

ARTICLE 3: Vote \$55,000.00 to purchase a new one-ton dump truck for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 4: Vote \$3,700.00 for additional funds to purchase a Police Cruiser for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 5: Vote to borrow \$535,500.00 for the required engineering services for the reconstruction of Mount Washington Road

The Board voted unanimously to issue a no trespass order to Vicki Windman so that she cannot take her dog to the Dog Park. The dog has on several occasions attacked other dogs and Ms. Windman fails to take action to prevent this. If need be the Board will hold a hearing to take further action.

The Board voted unanimously to renew its contract with CET for participation in the summer Household Hazardous Waste Collection program.

OLD BUSINESS:

The bids for foundation work at the South Egremont School are to be received on Wednesday. One bidder confirmed that they will be bidding and can do the work in the specified time frame of the end of June to the third week of August. Immediately upon the end of the school year town employees will begin the ADA evaluation and transition plan as a first step towards applying for grant funds to make the building ADA accessible.

Chairman Turner reported that Attorney Pollard will not put in writing his prior verbal statement that the Tremont Drive lot created by a Form A approved by the Planning Board is not a building lot. Chairman Turner explained that the lot met the requirements of the zoning bylaw when the administrative action was taken by the Board.

SELECTMEN’S ITEMS:

Vice-Chairman McGurn felt that with projected state and federal budget cuts the Town needed to seek out volunteers to keep the town’s budget down. As well he felt that volunteers needed to be vetted more thoroughly by the Board. He will draft an article for the upcoming newsletter seeking volunteers.

Vice-Chairman McGurn said he had received some complaints that the work hours at town hall were not accommodating to all. Selectman Brazie pointed out that work schedules had been changed at different times over the years and it was found that most accommodating were the current hours of 7am to 3pm so that residents had access before they went to work.

It was brought to the Boards attention that the Town Accountant was making the full salary anticipated because he was more efficient now and putting in less hours. The Board voted to make this a salaried position instead of an hourly position.

The Board agreed that the Town’s Birthday celebration each year in August would be an appropriate time to recognize those who have left town government.

The Board felt that having Hazard Communication training and a wellness training on the same day, June 28, was not appropriate. Hazard Communication training will be rescheduled.

The Board approved the following end of year transfers:

Amount	From	To
\$1,677.12	Insurance Health/Dental 015945-741	Legal Litigation 015151.725
\$1,142.27	Insurance Health/Dental 015945.741	Superintendent Salary 015422.116
\$1,806.99	Water Line Repairs 615451.701	Water Expenses 615451.700

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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