

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: August 8, 2023  
Time: 10:00am  
Place: Via Zoom Meeting  
Egremont

Present in-person were Selectboard Chairman George McGum, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Selectboard member Mary Brazie, Grant Administrator Peg McDonough, Moderator Steve Cohen, Board of Health Chairman Chuck Ogden.

Others participating via zoom: Mary McGum, Eileen Vining, Judith Goodman, Marj Wexler, Doug Mishkin, Ellen Rudley, Neil Fox, Dan Blitzer.

It was announced that the meeting is video and audio recorded.

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 25 meetings were accepted with minor edits.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Moderator Steve Cohen urged the Board to try to settle on a possible date of a Special Town Meeting for the school consolidation vote as he is going to be away during the time line under discussion. He is aware of the statutory timeline that the Town has to follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prompted by complaints about late night noise at Short-term rentals, the Board delegated the Housing Committee co-Chairs, Judith Goodman and Doug Mishkin, to draft an appropriate noise control bylaw, in conjunction with the Board of Health, for the Board to consider at its September 5 meeting. The bylaw can be adopted at the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Conflict of Interest disclosure filed by Juliette Haas with respect to the two paid positions she holds; Town Clerk and Board of Health Director.

The Board voted unanimously to accept, with thanks, the resignation of Donald Peck from his position as Highway Department Working Foreman. The Board agreed to promote a new Foreman from within the Department and to advertise for a Laborer/Truck Driver.

The Board agreed that the draft Comprehensive Plan was very well done and thanked all those who participated. The Planning Board is meeting in the near future to approve the plan and to formulate a scope of work for the zoning revisions work that is being funded by an \$54,000 grant through the One Stop For Growth program.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the creation of an official town Facebook page to be administered by Mary McGurn and Mary Brazie. The Board will consider a change to its Social Media Policy after the Personnel Director has had a chance to review it.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no update on the Mount Washington Fire Services Agreement.

There were some parking issues on Baldwin Hill North at the Tennis Court area while the contractors were working on the new Pickleball Courts. The police were made aware and no parking signs were put along the road on both sides.

The Board agreed it would ask to be signatories on the Council on Aging's birthday cards to Egremont residents who are 90 years old or older.

The Board agreed to ask the Chairwoman of the Regional School District Planning Board to the August 22 meeting for a half hour presentation regarding the school district merger and draft agreement.

The Attorney General's Office has approved the Egremont Housing Trust bylaw, as well as suggested some changes that may make the bylaw stronger and more compliant. These may be considered for the upcoming Special Town Meeting. The Selectboard will advertise seeking members of the Housing Trust Board.

#### GRANTS:

The Board approved the application for a grant through the Mass Department of Environmental Protection Drinking Water Asset Management Plan Program to update internal operations for the Water Department. The total expenditure will be \$100,000- \$60,000 grant funds, \$12,000 American Rescue Plan Act funds and about \$30,000 from in-kind employee hours. Tighe & Bond would be contracted to work with the Town's employees.

The Town was not successful in its application for a grant to repair the Prospect Lake Dam. The main reason for the failure to obtain an award is that two important permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Protection were not obtained by the property owner as of yet. An application can be made in the next year round which opens in the fall of 2023.

#### SELECTMEN'S ITEMS:

The next meeting will be August 22, 2023 at 10:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23am.

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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*The recording of the meeting is posted on the town's web page. Attachments are on file at Town Hall.*