

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES

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Date: September 20, 2022  
Time: 10:00am  
Place: Via Zoom Meeting & Town Hall  
Egremont

Present at the meeting in person were Selectboard members Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie, National Grid Representative Steven Hayward.

Present via zoom were Selectboard Chairman George McGurn, MassDOT Representative Peter Walsh, Dave Rejeski, Peg McDonough, Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) Representative Billie Li, Marj Wexler, Chuck Ogden, Bonnie Greenwood, Dan Blitzler, Juliette Haas, Mary McGurn.

The meeting was audio and video recorded.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 13 meeting were accepted with minor edits.

SCHEDULED ISSUES:

At 10:01am the hearing on National Grid and Verizon's request for relocation of two poles on Buttonball Lane was called to order. National Grid representative Steven Hayward and MassDOT representative Peter Walsh explained that the installation of sidewalks in the area is the reason for the relocations. The shift in location is about 5'. Abutting property owner Bonnie Greenwood asked about the light on the one pole - the light will not be changing in any way. The Board voted unanimously to approve the pole relocations. Hearing closed at 10:08am.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Selectboard Vice-Chair Lucinda Vermeulen asked that Prospect Lake Road safety issues be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board announced a fund raiser taking place at the Egremont Barn on September 22 for the People's Pantry. The Pantry has served a vital role in recent years and is in need of funding to continue to feed people with food insecurity in the Southern Berkshire area. The event is fully permitted under the Barn's licenses.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Council on Aging Chair Georgette Kinney to the Transportation Committee.

Billie Li, Housatonic Valley Association, recommended that the Board accept the one proposal received from Comprehensive Engineering Inc for the engineering work for the Blunt Road Culvert replacement project. The grant awarded to the Town to pay for this engineering is \$26,500. The proposal is for a total of \$26,200. The Board voted unanimously to award the bid to Comprehensive Engineering Inc. A grant will be pursued to cover the cost of construction. Some funds have been allocated from the Town's ARPA funds and could be re-applied.

OLD BUSINESS:

Final details are still not available for the Town to consider agreeing to the Mattress Recycling

program proposed by Tough Stuff Recycling. The cost of the container is now estimated at just under \$10,000. There may be a costly issue to deal with mattresses that are not acceptable for recycling.

The Board voted two in favor and Chairman McGurn recusing to approve the job description written for the Web Administrator.

The Board vote unanimously to approve the job descriptions written for the Grant Administrator and the Tree Warden.

Chairman McGurn and Fire Chief Joe Schneider will serve on the working group to brain storm ways to recruit members for the Volunteer Fire Department. Other members will be sought from the public.

The Regional School District Planning Board (RSDPB) has sent a letter informing the town's that they may be able to obtain state funding so the town's may not have to contribute another \$15,000 to the operations of the Planning Board. The Board agreed to continue with the plan to put this in front of voters at the November 14 Special Town meeting.

The auditorium at Mount Everett High School in Sheffield has been reserved for the November 14 Special Town Meeting and no fee will be charged.

#### GRANTS:

Grant Administrator Peg McDonough is still following up with Legal Counsel for both the Town and the Lake Dam owner on whether the Town is able to help the property owner with a grant.

The free energy audit at Town Hall is taking place in October. Grant funds should be available to the Town so that the Town won't need to fund a heating upgrade.

No ARPA updates.

#### FOLLOW UPS:

The Main Street (Rte 23/41) reconstruction project is beginning. The contract has been awarded to J.H. Maxymillian. This fall work will begin with surveying, pole locations, tree protection and drainage. Work may continue through the winter months if weather permits, but the bulk of the construction will begin next spring. Weekly updates will be emailed to Town Hall.

#### SELECTBOARD ITEMS:

Vice-Chair Vermeulen will draft a letter of condolences and recognition to the family on the passing of William Wood who was a long time town official.

The next meeting will be October 4, at 10:00am.

The loaner van is ready for the Town to pick up. Transportation Administrator Melanie Vicnerie is coordinating our two drivers going for training on and bringing it to Egremont.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am

Mary Brazie,  
Office Administrator

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