

TOWN OF EGREMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

Date: October 25, 2022
Time: 10:00am
Place: Via Zoom Meeting & Town Hall
Egremont

Present at the meeting in person were Selectboard members Chairman George McGurn, Vice-Chair Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen, Board member Mary Brazie, Finance Committee Chair Laura Allen, Water Commissioner and Study Group member “Poly” Lanoue, Water Commissioner Ray Palmucci, Water Study Group member Bob Noonan. Present via zoom were Mary McGurn, Peg McDonough, Joyce Frater, Eileen Vining, Dan Blitzer, Chuck Ogden.

The meeting was audio and video recorded.

The Board reviewed the draft warrant for the November 14 Special Town Meeting.

It was agreed that there would be no report from the Regional School District Planning Board as multiple written reports have been distributed.

There was a great deal of discussion over the Water Department article that would authorize the Select Board, or its designee(s), to explore options for the future management of the Water Plant along with its customers, by means of the following course of actions:

1. Revoke the provisions of Chapter 44 section 53F1/2 of MGL, “enterprise fund”
2. Future options to manage the water management service of the Town including
3. New structure for the management of the water company
4. Develop a capital expenditures plan and debt to be incurred by and
5. \$250,000.00 for expert technical support and/or engineering services

Before action on this article will be undertaken the Water Study Group will give a report to the Town Meeting.

There will be an article to raise the full amount of \$79,600 for the repairs to the Belfry as there has been no grant award made by MHC as of yet. (Note: The next day Mass Historic Commission announced that it is awarding the town the full amount for the repairs so this was removed from the warrant.)

There will be an article to raise an additional \$96,000 over the \$315,000 already borrowed for the new fire truck.

There will be an article to raise \$29,450 to pay for the Web Administrator for the balance of the fiscal year.

“Poly” Lanoue and Ray Palmucci both tendered their resignations as Water Commissioners. Mass General Laws requires the Selectboard to act as Water Commissioners in the absence of Commissioners.

Vice-Chair Vermeulen asked that issues with signs and sponsorships at the Dog Park be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

Adjournment 11:04am

Mary Brazie,
Office Administrator

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