Select Board Meeting

November 13, 2019

6:06 pm meeting called to order.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini, and Ericka Oleson.

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Jim White, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, Mike Gleason, and Melanie Medon. Seth Bean, Jen Bean and Sarah Daniels MaClennon attended briefly.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mike seconded. Unanimous.

Jen Bean and Sarah Daniels MaClennon, Library:

* Stated they sent an email and letter asking to extend their hours during the week of the book fair. They will be over 14 hours during the week of the book fair but under 26 during the month of December. Neil explained that it needs to be under 520 during any six month period, They will still need to come before the board to change their hours but can work extra hours during the week of the book fair.

Melanie Medon, Select Board Clerk:

* Submitted resignation as of 12/31/19. The board accepted the resignation.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Chapter 90 request signed by board.
* A request was submitted by Lori Briggs to put a deflector on a light on Tilda Hill, The board approved. Chris will call National Grid. They will need a pole number.
* The pie and dessert auction will be held at the American Legion on November 26th.
* Received a notice from Mass DOT in regards to paving on Route 2. It will be happening in the spring.

Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

* Received a quote for swivel on excavator. Would also need new controls and plate. The board does not think it is worth the cost and would like to look at other options.
* The vehicle inspection went well. Had a few issues that had been or are being addressed. The inspector stated he could see that the vehicles have been kept up and it is one of the best towns he has seen. The other company that did inspections is out of business.
* Fixed the guard rails on Lower Church.
* Used the new sander.

Brian from Wi-Valley on speaker phone for Pole Hearing:

* Wi-Valley would like to put a pole at the fire department. The pole would replace the existing pole. Also, looking to place a pole on Whitcomb Hill Ext. instead of in the field. The pole would be in the town’s right of way. Ericka made a motion to approve the pole locations for the fire station and Whitcomb Hill Ext. Mike seconded. Unanimous.

Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

* Blowing leaves out of ditch lines.
* Cleaned brush up on Whitcomb Hill.
* Working on trucks.
* Would like to purchase new tires for one of the trucks. $190/tire studded and mounted. The tires currently on the truck are summer tires and it is a rear sander. Board approved.
* Joel Burdick’s old house is buttoned up and winterized. It can be auctioned off next fall along with other properties that the town owns and wishes to auction.
* About $40 of gas disappeared from the garage. The dead bolt lock was changed.
* The garage is full. There is no room for the excavator.
* Chris and Jim asked the board for clarification on spending. The board would like a “heads-up” and to be made aware of expenses.
* The new employees are doing well.
* The other employee turned it around and is doing much better.
* Two employees may use vacation time for the day after Thanksgiving. Jim will work with the new employees. It is weather depending.

Mike B asked about posting the select board clerk position. Chris stated she will put it on the kiosk and the website.

Seth Bean, Assessor Chairperson:

* Working with Duane on personal property and transmission distribution. Doing some clean up with easements. Looking at unbuildable lots that are assessed at prime rates. Hoping to have the classification hearing the first week of December.

Chris Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* COA director review is scheduled for the 25th at 3:30. Margo cannot make it and requested that it be held on December 9th. The board agreed to move the review to December 9th.
* Wi-Valley meeting on Nov. 21st at 6pm at Florida Town Hall.
* Chris will be taking vacation time on the 27th. Off for the holiday on the 28th and 29th.
* Has not received certificates from Arigoni for the fire house roof and the project has not been completed. Mike will reach out.

Mike B asked if there was any word on the fire department from BJ, the building inspector. No word.

7:08 pm Ericka made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Unanimous.