Select Board Meeting

July 10, 2019

6:02 pm meeting called to order.

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

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Glenn Burdick, Tim Bartlet, Becky Bedard, Ron Bosley, Cindy Bosley, and Melanie Medon.

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

Becky Bedard, PTG:

* Would like to put a sign at the intersection of North County and Route 2 for the remainder of the summer and the fall. Presented the board with a picture of the sign. It is for support of a new playground with a progress ribbon. Glenn and Mike stated it needs to be positioned so it does not block traffic. If it is placed by the Gabriel Abbott sign it should be good. It may need to be moved while work is being done. Ericka requested a brochure for donations to be left at Town Hall and the Senior/Community Center. The PTG will make a brochure. The board saw no issues.

Tim Bartlet:

* Questioned the auction process for property the town has taken. Was told the town needs to wait a year after it is taken before it can be auctioned. Once it is going to be auctioned it will be advertised and posted on the property. Neil questioned where the Burdick property stood. Chris stated they will know July 18th. A question was asked of what properties could be auctioned. Ericka will get a list for the next meeting.
* Asked why Doug hasn’t been doing the mowing at the cemetery. Was told he has been doing some. Asked why the younger guys aren’t taking the mower and doing the smaller lots. Chris stated you cannot give people certain jobs based in their age because that would be age discrimination.
* Asked if the town will be leasing an over the guardrail mower this year. Neil and Glenn stated they are looking into the cost of purchasing an attachment. They need to see which option is more cost effective. Tim asked if Doug will be using the over the guardrail mower. Was told that requires a license that he does not have.
* Stated South County looks nice.
* Asked when ditches will be cleaned. By his house the ditch is almost level with the road. Glenn asked how far back he would like it. Tim stated 2-3 feet. Mike asked if it is black top or dirt. Tim stated it is dirt. Glenn stated it will be addressed.

Mike Bedini, Select Board Member:

* Asked if the dirt roads in town will be graded. Glenn stated they will.

Cindy Bosley:

* Asked when the millings were put on South County. Glenn stated they were put in yesterday. Also put some in by the cemetery for the access road. Prepping Monroe Road for millings.
* Asked if anyone has checked to see how much it would be to have a company take them out. The board stated it would be costly. Mike stated he will contact 2 tree companies and get a quote for removal and stump grinding.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* There will be a broadband meeting at Florida Town Hall on July 25th at 4:30pm. The phases have been redesigned. Would like the town to sign off on Phase 1 so they can get paid. Loop Road in Savoy is live. Will know more on where it stands on July 25th. The board signed. If the other towns are not in agreement Chris will hold the signatures.
* Mass DOT sent a letter in regards to track replacement and other work on the railroad. They will be making it so it is high enough for double stacked trains.
* Received a letter from Mr. Gray regarding his property on the Mohawk Trail. The town had denied the certificate of occupancy. He brought it up to code and was issued the CO. The letter was written before the CO was issued.
* MSBA denied application for windows at the school. Will try again next year.
* Letter from the assessors to inform the board where the 3 towns stand with hydro.
* Will be having interviews for Senior Center director on the 22nd and 23rd.
* Asked if she should advertise for a cleaning person or utility person. Discussion on what is needed and if it should be summer or year round. Discussion on calling guys in on their vacation. Glenn explained it is only done when it has to be. Explained that the cemetery is difficult to dig in and this will not be resolved by a utility worker. Neil suggested a utility person for 18 hours through the summer then reduced to 3 hours in the winter. Mike suggested hiring for two positions. One for 15 hours during the summer to help with the highway and one for 3 hours cleaning year round. Ericka suggested posting that applicants can apply for both. The board agreed to post two positions. One position is to be year round for three hours and the other will be 15 hours during the summer with the option to apply for both.

Ron Bosley:

* Spoke to National Grid spokesperson and they said Florida is not on board yet with LED change. Chris stated she needs to know any changes that need to be made. Neil will get them to her.

Glenn Burdick, Highway Supervisor:

* Asked if the Chapter 90 yearly allocation went through. Chris stated she did not receive the letter yet.
* The vac truck was in for 2 ½ days doing the storm drains.
* Received one delivery of 1 ½ in. dense grade for repair prior to millings.
* Had a burial this past Saturday. Two more coming.
* Cleaning and mowing is ongoing.
* Received a delivery of cold patch.
* Mike asked if the town has a hot box. Glenn stated no. Mike asked if the town should get one for the winters. Glenn stated the roads are in good shape and one could be rented if needed.
* Started mowing around guardrails on River Road.
* Working on a mower to go on small tractor. It will be a go behind.
* Equipment repairs.
* Cleaned the access road in the cemetery.
* Cleaning up end of year invoices.

Cindy Bosley:

* Asked about the water test at the Senior/Community Center. Glenn stated that a sample was taken Monday by the Housatonic Water Basin. The dissolved solids had dropped significantly. They said it is not too contaminated for drinking or cooking.
* Requested a police detail in the tunnel around 4pm on weekdays. Chris will work on setting up police details.

Mike Bedini, Select Board member:

* Asked if the fire station on North County is at a standstill. Glenn stated they haven’t completed the perc test. Cindy stated she heard that area is a wetland. Chris stated Mark Stinson from the state has been involved from the beginning. The town asked him to look and he didn’t find anything on file. They are still working on setting up the perc test. John Dupuis had done one years ago and it didn’t pass. The BOH recommends finding another person to conduct the test.

7:29 pm Ericka made a motion to enter into executive session for union negotiations with highway department and not re-enter open meeting. Mike seconded. Unanimous.