Select Board Meeting

January 22, 2020

6:00 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, Melanie Medon and Vicki Winchell. Tony Arigoni, Wayne Gelinas, Leah King, and Pam White attended briefly.

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

Ericka made a motion to appoint Pam White as an alternate to the conservation commission. Unanimous.

Wayne Gelinas and Leah King, Owners of Hoosac Range LLC:

* Appeared to inform the board of their upcoming plans for the property they recently purchased 137 Mohawk Trail as well as the property adjacent to it. They have created an LLC titled Hoosac Range LLC and obtained the web address rights for this name as well. They plan to have two businesses at the one location.
* The first to be a Hoosac Range Bears Den – this will include a souvenir shop, coffee, snacks and beer and wine bar. They are currently planning to tie this store together with their other business, The Wigwam Summit
* The second to be Hoosac Range Axe House – This will be an Axe Throwing entertainment business that will consist of 4 pits, each pit with two lanes. They will also be a member of W.A.T.L. (World Axe Throwing League).
* They have inquired with the board as to the proper procedure for signage (Christine gave them a copy of the bylaws) as well as obtaining a Liquor License. Their next steps are to update the heating system, renovate the exterior, clean the vacant lot and renovate the bathroom.

Tony Arigoni, Jr. , Contractor:

* Provided Selectmen with estimate to install new flooring in the Senior Center. Tony provided 3 estimates: Two with materials from Home Depot and one from RK Miles.
* A motion was made by Mike to accept Tony’s bid for $13, 552.40 (RK Miles). Ericka seconded. Unanimous.
* Project is expected to start around March 2020

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Presented Neil with signature papers to sign off on the EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant), which is a small grant utilized by the Fire Department and Town Hall.
* Presented Selectmen forms to sign off on stating our town boarders are mapped accurately. This information is for the federal census. It was last updated approximately seven years ago.
* Several applications submitted for the Utility Worker in highway department. Town Administrator and Selectmen agreed on two to interview and will reconvene for interviews on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
* Tax classification hearing set for Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Christine calling state to inquire if November and May real estate bills can be sent out together.
* Christine has asked the Selectmen to review their budget and consider raising their salary to $3,000.00 as it has been several years since there was an increase to this position.
* Senior Center Director and Assistant positions both received good 3 month reviews. As per the agreement, it is recommended their rate of pay be increased to $17.00 per hour. Mike motioned to move both rates of pay to $17.00 per hour. Ericka seconded. Neil obstained.
* Terry Culpepper-Rysz is currently paid at $12.00 per hour for cleaning of town offices. It is recommended to move Terry to $12.75 to be at minimum wage. Ericka motioned to pay Terry $12.75. Mike seconded. Unanimous.

Mike Bedini, Selectmen:

* Mike has requested the building inspector be invited in to meet with the board to discuss the next steps involved in building the new fire house.
* Mike will be meeting with WiValley to discuss exactly where the septic and leech field are at the fire department so there will be no errors or damage when WiValley is setting up the new pole.

Jim White, Highway Supervisor:

* Update on trucks
* Thermostats and hot water tank are up and running well at Senior Center.
* Gathering quotes for FY21 expenses of over guardrail mower for summer use. One does need a license to run it. John has this license and Doug is working on getting his.
* Requested laptop so as to be able to work from home. Christine had an extra laptop available that was given to Jim.

7:16 p.m. Mike motioned to adjourn meeting. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.