Select Board Meeting

November 10, 2020

6:00 pm meeting called to order by Neil.

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

Select board members absent: None

Others present: Jim White, Christine Dobbert, Vicki Winchell, Jon Oleson, Seth Bean

Ericka Oleson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 10/28/20 meeting. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.

Selectmen:

* Seth Bean appeared on behalf of the Assessors.
  + Seth answered questions regarding the PILOT for the windmill property. There was confusion because they deduct their taxes owed from the payments owed to the town. Seth mentioned the state will not certify their figures the way the property is currently being taxed. However, the tax is correct according to the PILOT. Christine also checked with the attorney and he says it is ok to do it as the PILOT is written. Neil clarified that the only actual issue is with the Real Property tax as there is a building that was not included in the original planning. Christine asked if they could leave it as taxable and allow them to take the credit? Seth said this was not a good option and recommends reaching out to Avangrid and the lawyers and have them amend the PILOT to adjust for the building. He also clarified that this does not affect the tax rate. Christine will get in touch with the attorney to work on amending the PILOT to include one paragraph that includes the building to get it straightened out for next year’s taxes.
  + Christine brought up to Seth that Patriot says they are done. Seth said they need more input from them. They did not start their part of the assessment until late.
  + The Hydro re-evaluation is the same value as last year.
  + All data should be in within a week or two. The tax bills should go out by the end of December.
  + Christine said they are signed off on certification for 3 Assessors.
* Selectboard meeting for November 25, 2020 has been cancelled unless something important should arise.

Christine Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* Received one application for the cleaning position to date.
* Received several applications for the Library Director position. Interviews will be conducted for this position jointly with the Selectboard and the Library Trustees.
* Elections are completed and Town Hall has been cleaned.
* Reconciliations with the school department for Fiscal Year 20 have been completed

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Jim White, Highway Department Supervisor:

* New loader has been received. Jim will check into a service contract for it.
* Blowing cemetery and sides of road
* Phelps, Central Shaft and Stryker Roads cleaned up after the storm.
* Cutting Brush on River Road

6:37 pm Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.