Select Board Meeting

April 17, 2019

6:07 pm meeting called to order.

Board members present: Neil Oleson, Ericka Oleson, and Krista Bishop who arrived during the meeting.

Board members absent: Krista Bishop for part of the meeting.

Others present: Christine Dobbert, Glenn Burdick, Melanie Medon, Ron and Cindy Bosley, and Mike Gleason.

Ericka made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting with changes. Neil seconded. Unanimous.

Neil would like to wait until Krista is present to vote on accepting the executive session minutes.

Chris Dobbert, Town Administrator:

* The fire department is applying for a forestry grant. It would allow for about $4,000 worth of forestry equipment. It is a 50/50 grant. The board signed granting Mike Gleason permission to sign the application and forms.
* KP Law sent disclosure that there could be a potential conflict of interest. They are representing Charlemont in the pole hearing for Wi-Valley. They feel at this time they can represent without conflict.
* Received resumes for Senior Center director.
* Pole hearing for Brookfield is May 1st.
* Ron Bosley stated Wi Valley will be needing additional poles and will be needing to do a pole hearing.

Seth Bean, Assessor Chairperson:

* Informed the select board that the assessors are submitting statements of denial on applications for abatements for the hydro plants.

Ericka made a motion to approve using Chapter 90 funds to buy the excavator. Neil seconded. Unanimous.

Glenn Burdick, Highway Supervisor:

* Transitioning to summer operations.
* Road sweeping is being done. Explained how they decide which roads to do. On damp days they do near houses, on dry days they do areas without houses.
* Working on equipment inspections.
* A plow caught the cover of the well at the fire station. The town repaired it.
* Repairs to the salt shed will be done in the next couple of weeks. The check was received.
* Did work on reverse osmosis system at the Senior/Community Center. Will not know right away if it is working correctly.
* Key codes at the Senior/Community Center have been upgraded and reprogrammed.
* Free salt was dropped off the other day.

(Krista arrived.)

* Washing winter trucks.
* Installed chipper box to truck 10.
* Dug three foundations and poured cement for three at the cemetery. Another stone will be done in a week or two. Three burials are scheduled before Memorial Day. Cleaning the cemetery.
* Looking into layout for the new fire station by the school with Mike Gleason. Chris is trying to get an idea of a starting price. Need to get a copy or two of the survey.
* The well next door would be good for filling fire trucks when there isn’t another source.

Cindy Bosley:

* Stated that she does not think it is fair that workers either have to use two hours of their time or lose two hours of pay on weeks that there is a holiday. Was told by Chris and the board that they voted for this. There were other options offered to them. Krista stated that if it is an issue they could work their regular schedule next year.

Chris Dobbert, Town Administartor:

* Sue Oleson has been working at the Senior Center. They have been unable to get anything from Paul for email setup, etc. They have setup a new email and have done some cleaning.
* The ad for new director at the Senior Center is running until May 1st.
* Will not be here Thursday, Friday and Monday. Taking vacation days. Will be in late the 24th and 1st.
* Review of the budget. Received the weighs and means cherry sheet. It is a little lower than the governors. Would like to repair the floor at Senior/Community Center. Added a line for $10,000 for that. Went over on snow and ice budget. Knew the waste management budget would go over due to paving. There will be a joint meeting with the finance committee on May 1st.
* Annual reports should be in to Chris by the end of May.
* Annual town meeting will be June 14th at 7pm.
* Hoping to move to new finance software July 1st.

Cindy Bosley:

* Asked if the issue for South County was resolved. Neil stated the board believes so but won’t know until next year.
* Asked if the executive session minutes will be made public. Was told once they are approved they will be.

Krista made a motion to accept the executive session minutes from 4/3/19. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.

Mike Gleason:

* Just found out they have AFG grant.
* The skateboard event is seeming like it is coming together.

7:25pm Krista made a motion to adjourn. Ericka seconded. Unanimous.