Select Board Meeting

August 19, 2020

6:00 Meeting Called to order.

Attendance: Michael Bedini, Neil Oleson, Ericka Oleson, Stephanie Pare, Michael Gleason, Brad Furlon, Ronald Briggs, Ronald White, Jacob White, Jon Oleson

Ericka Oleson made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Neil Oleson seconds the motion. Unanimous.

New Business:

Ch. 90 crack sealing for Central Shaft Rd was approved.

An update on foreclosed properties was presented by the Treasurer/Collector. The list was reviewed and a discussion was held regarding possibility of holding an auction this fall.

Highway Department:

* Discussion regarding current loader. The sample report was returned late today: the hydraulic system showed iron in the sample, front end, rear end, transmission etc.…. Jim will call the testing location to review the report.
  + Discussion was held regarding options for the loader:
  + New machine:
    - Volvo ~$155,400 (military pricing) will bring for a trial
    - John Deere ~$200,000-$220,000
  + Jim will be contacting them regarding a trial and if there is a lower state contract price. He will also be reaching out to other town to see their thoughts on the loaders.
* Met with Dave Stokes w/ MASS Dot regarding bridge on Savoy Road. There is scoring under the bridge. They are recommending 6-8” rip-wrap above and below the bridge. Contacted Steve Brown on Conservation Commission and talked to Adams Stone company about material. When it is all in place, he will reach out to Mass DOT. Estimating about $3,000.00.
* 24 ton of black top on Whitcomb Hill Road
* Patching by Garavaltis, and up by the dam.
* Mowing on sides of the road and cemetery; the highway will look at mowing the lot next to the school.

Mike Bedini has received many complaints about speeding in the town. He will reach out to set up police details and follow up. There is $1,900.00 in the budget for these details.

Mike Bedini was also wondering why Jim White was using a credit card in Glenn Burdick’s name. Ericka explained that on has been issued in Jim’s name.

Fire Department:

* A discussion was held regarding the fire station. Mike Gleason presented a drawing and estimates for an 80x80 building. The estimate was $1.7-$2.1 Million Dollars. The current station has septic failure and water issues. There was discussion held regarding the cost. The Fire Department would like to move forward with a new building.
* Discussion was held regarding putting out an RFP and presenting the findings at a Public Hearing. Ericka stated that if they the get a finalized figure she will reach out the out lender to get loan projections if that’s the way the town decides to go. Mike Gleason will follow up with Christine.
* Mike Gleason also let the town know that the installation of the repeater is moving along and they will be starting the program soon.

6:55 Ericka Oleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Bedini seconds the motion. Unanimous.