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### Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**Select Board Attendees:** Gerry Bergeron, Russ Clarke, Justin Kaczowski

**Recorder:** Jennifer Downs

**Attendees:** Cathy Twiss (Notary), Brian Foucher (WiValley), Melenie Glynn(FHMS), Collen Murph, Ronald Kaczowski, Bill Droshen (Highway Department)

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by G. Bergeron, R. Clarke second the meeting.**

#### Minutes:

- Energy Savings Program. The board discussed the cheaper energy option other towns and cities were benefiting based on the article published by the Berkshire Eagle. (As rates soar, a cheaper option overlooked, on 14-15 January 2023.)
  - ACTION: RI: J. Downs, Description: To contact (email/phone) Colonial Power Group (508-485-5858) to request information on how the town could opt in for lower electric rates.
- School Fence Repair. The chair announced that the insurance deductible for the repair would be \$1000.00 and that he would need an estimate for the repair.
  - ACTION: RI: B. Droshen  
Description: To find out who installed the fence and to obtain a copy of the police report from the school.
  - ACTION: RI(s): G. Bergeron, B. Droshen  
Description: To get an estimate on fence repair.
- Wi-Valley. The board discussed the project document and agreed they had finished their review. The board approved and signed the following documents:
  - Grant of Easement
  - MEPA Agreement
  - Beneficial Interest Statement
  - Indemnification Agreement between the Towns of Florida, Hawley, Monroe and Savoy and WiValleyMA
- Wi-Valley. (Per. M Glynn, for the record)
  - *During the meeting the selectboard questioned if there was a new version of the Grant of Easement with the added language identifying the additional use of*

*Radios and equipment for Public Safety, Public service such as 2-way Radio systems for the Highway Department.*

- *I provided the Selectboard with an update from the communications that occurred during the day of 2/21/23 from MA DCAMM that the stated purpose above does not fall within the categories of permitted use and for this to be included in the grant of easement, a new process would need to be initiated to amended legislation around the easement to include that use. And more specifically the permitted use is for wireless internet antennas and an adjacent equipment shelter.*
- *After a short discussion of what the process would be to initiate new legislation the selectboard unanimously agreed to sign the documents without any amendments.*

- Administrators Assistant. J. Downs announced that her last day working would be 17 March 2023. Board agreed to post available position.
- Warrants #45, #46 and #47 where approved and signed by the board.
- 4 Business Licenses were approved and signed by the board.

**OPEN Session:**

- Highway Equipment Status. B. Drosher (Road Boss) provided status on the current condition of the Town's loader and recommended that the town pursue getting a new loader verse repairing and paying off the current lease agreement. Board agreed to buying a new loader.

**Current Loader:**

- Loader lease buy out: 64K
- Warranty: None, Responsible for repairs
- No coverage from Chapter 91
- Paid toward lease: 64:
- Expensive Repairs Needed

**New Loader**

- Price: 132K
- Warranty: 3 Yrs. or 5 Yrs. for \$7200
- Partially coverage by Chapter 91

- Savoy Business License. J. Downs identified the fact that well drillers are not currently required to have a license to perform well drilling in Savoy and that it should be added the list of business requiring town licenses to operate in Savoy. Board agreed with the recommendation and set the fee for well drilling to \$95.00 per year.
  - ACTION: RI – J. Downs  
Description: Update the Fines and Fees to include Well Drilling
- RDP Spending – Town received an RDP awarded for \$4900.00. J. Downs recommend the town invest in a paper compactor to reduce the cost of hauling. Board agreed to consider the investment depending on the current RDP balance.
  - ACTION: RI – J. Downs  
Description: Request balance of RDP funds from B. Cooper

- **Spectrum Grant.** M. Glynn provided insight on the Spectrum Fiber Grant that would install Fiber to approximately 216 homes in the town of Savoy. She advised the board to review the Franchise agreement that was sent by John Maher, that there was still time to change the agreement if needed.
  - **ACTION:** RI: J. Downs  
Description: To provide board members a copy of the franchise agreement.
- **WiValley Project Status:** B. Foucher reported on work done so far, and that inclement weather in December had stopped the work in progress, and that the completion of work would continue when weather permitted. Currently there are 102 customers hooked up.
- **C. Murphy** stated that she is a customer of WiValley and has had an outstanding service ticket for 1.5 years. M. Glynn volunteered to assist her with contacting WiValley to resolve the ticket.
- **C. Muphy** stated she was interest in the energy savings programs that other towns were benefiting from and was pleased that it was a topic on the agenda. J. Downs informed her that while waiting for the town rate to be lowed she could switch energy providers now via the Energy Switch Massachusetts website.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM by G. Bergeron, Second by R. Clarke**

  
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**Gerry Bergeron (Chair)**

  
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**Russell Clarke**

  
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**Justin Kaczowski**