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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Select Board Attendees: Gerry Bergeron, Justin Kaczowski, Marie Saucier

Recorder: Jennifer Falk

Attendees: Julie Pavia, Brenda Smith, Melanie Glynn, Tracy Tierney, Sarah Satherwaite, Royce Buehler, Dwayne Rougeau, Stacy Rougeau, Arleigh Cooper, Samantha Zwirba


Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by G. Bergeron, J. Kaczowski second, Marie Saucier third.

Meeting closed at 5:54 PM by G. Bergeron, J. Kaczowski second, Marie Saucier third.

Minutes:

- Minutes for September 26, 2023, reviewed, approved, and signed by board.
- **Interview of highway applicants**
 - Neither applicant showed up.
 - Jennifer will review the language on posting, including the deadline language, and including the correct names of Select Board members.
 - Jennifer will post opening in Hampshire Gazette and MMA. These outlets may attract more potential applicants.
- **Highway updates**
 - Jacob Kunzman is leaving.
 - Bruce Kupiec will start part-time work again. He is medically cleared to return to work. He needs to contact Michael Hubby.
 - Michael Hubby is the contact person for the school.
- **Organization of Select Board files**
 - Marie requested that all files that members need to view be copied so each member has their own collection.
 - Marie requested that all materials relevant to the Select Board meeting be compiled by Friday noon so that members can pick them up and review them with plenty of time before the meeting.
 - Jennifer agreed to implement this organizational plan.
- **Legislative breakfast**
 - Marie and Gerry will attend October 13 in Beckett, MA.

- **School committee vacancy**
 - Stephanie Sayers attended the meeting. She had volunteered to fill the vacancy on the school committee.
 - The School Committee representatives and Stephanie expected that Stephanie would be sworn in and hold the appointment until next year's election.
 - Brenda Smith pointed out that Stephanie's appointment had not followed applicable rules. The vacancy needs to be published 7-10 days before anyone can be chosen to fill the seat.
 - The school committee agreed to publish the vacancy and to finalize the position at the next meeting, on October 24th.
 - After the period of publication, the School Committee can recommend their choice to the Select Board who makes the final decision. Val then swears in the candidate.
- **Public comment:**
 - **Dwayne and Stacy Rougeau**
 - Requested update re: permission to proceed with their building project.
 - We need to have a Zoning Board to approve their plan.
 - Question raised: Can the attorney proceed with this?
 - To give the Select Board the ability to approve this, the town would have to vote to approve giving the Board this authority.
 - Select Board will contact attorney to discuss zoning this land.
 - ~~Arleigh Cooper~~ *Sam Zwrba*
 - She still has the same issue with the way pipes were laid on her land and the ensuing drainage.
 - Gerry said that a plan needed to be drawn up before proceeding.
 - Arleigh suggested an engineer should be involved. Gerry wasn't sure an engineer was necessary.
 - There is disagreement about whether the town originally laid the pipe or if it was the private landowner.
 - Gerry will call the attorney.
 - Arleigh also requests that the machine sitting by her property be moved.
 - Gerry said the machine will be moved.
 - Town will get a plot plan and send it to the lawyer.
 - Gerry suggested that the board go visit the property after the meeting.
 - Gerry is concerned about the scope of the project and that it involves water and conservation issues.
 - Water problems do qualify for ARPA funds.
- **Treasury warrants signed**



Gerry Bergeron (Chair)



Justin Kaczowski



Marie Saucier