

Select Board Minutes: May 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Donald Burke. Present were Select Board members Scott Wiley, Donald Burke and Marlene Libby. Also present were Road Commissioner Curtis Starrett, Jen Pendleton, John Fenner, Lorie Costigan, Fred Brown and Ron Gibson.

Minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting were accepted.

Road Commissioner:

Starrett presented a proposed 2016 Paving Bid Packet for review which proposes paving on Appleton Ridge Road and Collinstown Road. The Select Board Members will review the packets and discuss at the next meeting. Starrett reported on the meeting on 4/20/16 with representatives from the MDOT. Drainage, ditching & culverts in the village were reviewed. The idea of the Town writing to residents whose driveways drain into Rte 131 was brought up. An overflowing farm pond has been repaired. The salt bid from Morton Salt through Knox County was accepted for \$62.49 per ton. Motion made by Wiley & seconded by Libby. Vote was 3-0.

Select Board:

Assessors' Agent bids were opened as follows: Bartlett Assessing: \$600 per day; Melanie Ripley: \$6,250 per year; Curt Lebel \$10,500; RJD: \$11,250. Applicants will be interviewed telephonically or by the full Board.

The custom of 'carrying over' account balances from one year to the next was discussed. The Board discussed getting away from the practice, as it is not the best way to budget. The Board made a new recommendation on the *winter road maintenance* line of \$233,000 with no carry-over. A budget item for a wall in the Town Office to accommodate the new 5-person board was discussed but there are no proposals or plans at this time.

The Town Office floors will be waxed on a non-work day – May 18th.

The new personnel policy was discussed and how it would affect accrued vacation and personal days (sick time) for office staff. The issue was tabled until Burke gets a legal opinion from MMA Legal as to whether or not previously earned vacation & personal days are carried over.

Articles for the Town Meeting Warrant were reviewed. The warrant will be finalized at the next meeting.

Our custodian is resigning so the Board will post the vacancy.

A discussion as to whether or not the CEO should research the width of the right-of-way on Rte 131 in the village. It was agreed that it should be an issue for involved parties, rather than the CEO.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 PM.

Prepared by D. Burke