

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board
November 1, 2021

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: George Riley, Steve Seddon, Alex Bowman

Called to order at 7:00PM

- 1. Call to order: Note that the meeting is being recorded**
- 2. Review and sign minutes of meetings. Points to minutes**
- 3. Review and sign purchase orders**

4. Discuss and take action on hiring a Town Manager

George Riley updates that the main candidate for the Town Manager position withdrew their application due to an inability to find affordable housing in the area. George has since contacted two other candidates. One was unavailable, but the other expressed interest in the position. George proposes the Select Board interview the available candidate, followed by an Executive Session where they will determine how to proceed.

George explains he was honest with the new Town Manager candidate about why the original candidate withdrew their application, and they stated they didn't believe they would have the same issues.

5. Acting Town Manager Updates

6. Select Board Updates

George updates that last week the Town Hall did not have heat. Steve Seddon was kind enough to bring in space heaters for all the employees in the building and scheduled technicians to survey the problem. One technician stated they would need to replace the boiler for over \$20,000. However, MT Cavanaugh's technician was able to fix the problem temporarily which allowed for heat to return to the building. MT Cavanaugh's proposed a more permanent solution costing under \$4,000.

Alex Bowman wonders if this will cause problems with financing the heat pumps they would like to install next year. Steve explains the boiler is still in good condition as long as there is no damage inside due to leakage, therefore making it a good backup heat source.

7. Future agenda items

Brad Curry will be in for a DPW update

Roger Brown would like to develop a more structured Capital Planning Committee and delegate some of the responsibilities that go into the ARPA funding to that committee.

Roger suggests discussing hiring a consultant to look at Sandisfield's Fiscal 2023 budget.

8. Review mail

9. Review and sign warrants

10. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

The Select Board received a Special Permit Application from Berkshire Mountain Cannabis and scheduled a Public Hearing date for Tuesday, November 30, 2021. George will contact BMC to confirm this time.

George reads a letter from Dennis Olson requesting to be appointed to the Capital Planning Committee.

A resident presents a photo of a disabled vehicle parked adjacent to Carr Field. However, because the vehicle is located on private property, the town cannot interfere with the vehicle. Ralph Morrison notes police have checked out the vehicle a number of times.

Alex expresses concern with a bright street light that may cause a hazard to drivers. George states the Green Committee plans to change the lightbulbs in the street lights to LED lights. This may aid the problem, otherwise a shade could be connected to the light.

Ralph questions whether the DPW applied for the STRAP grant. George explains Brad did not apply for the grant. However, the DPW does have a number of projects lined up including the paving of Route 183 and 57. Ralph emphasises that the DPW should be ready to apply for other incoming federal grants.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

George Riley

Alex Bowman

Steve Seddon