

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: Steve Seddon, Alex Bowman, John Field, Jonathan Sylbert

Called to order at 6:30PM

1. Call to order: Note that the meeting is being recorded

2. Brad Curry in for DPW Updates

Brad reviews his budget and the lines he believes may go over this fiscal year, which include bridges/highways and vehicle fuel. The roads are briefly discussed and their drainage issues/solutions. A few repairs needed to be made to some of the DPW equipment. Brad has begun the interviewing process for a DPW Administrative Assistant.

Jonathan and Brad opened the bids for the new F550 truck. The bid from Sarat Ford was accepted, as it had all the required equipment included. It is currently being lettered, and will be fitted for a sander thereafter. He expects it will be in service by the end of the month.

Brad has gathered estimates for 20 ton trailers, as he feels it will save money since they wouldn't need to hire out for hauling. This could potentially be paid for with ARPA funds. He also started to look into replacement plows, as their current plows are not the correct type and require blade replacement too often. There is interest from two state contractors to purchase the old plows.

The contract with Casella for the Transfer Station hauling fees cannot be located by the town, nor the company. Brad suggests putting the hauling out to bid, as Casella continues to raise their prices.

The road survey is discussed and the benefit of removing tree canopy over roadways.

3. ARPA Spending Options

Steve suggests using the ARPA funds to pay for the GPS/camera for the town vehicles. Annual costs/maintenance of these devices will then be divided between the departments they serve.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to use the ARPA funds to pay the residual balance of \$3,768.46 for the GPS/cameras, \$13,663 for the underserved broadband residents, \$25,000 for a 20 ton trailer, and \$14,500 for a replacement plow. The two current plows will be sold to recoup some of their losses and put a down payment on a second replacement plow.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Alex Bowman	Aye
John Field	Aye

4. Farmington River General Store Annual Common Vic License

The Select Board signs the license.

5. Town Manager Updates

Since Jayne Smith has signed on as the Board of Health Inspector, the board has collected over \$3,000 in fees. It's estimated that the board will collect a total of \$6,000 by the end of the fiscal year, which will assist in covering the cost of the Inspector. Additionally, this could mean not getting rid of the BOH revolving fund come the budget season.

6. Select Board Updates

Steve conducted a meeting with Paul Greene and Janey Beardsley to review residents who may be in violation of the state building code and town zoning bylaws. Janey has created a living list of violations and when citations are being sent out.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Principal Assessor Position
- Audit
- Community One Stop for Growth
- Moving Server to the Cloud/Generator
- Streetlight Removal Project

8. Review and sign minutes of meetings, purchase orders, warrants, and mail

9. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Steve Seddon

Alex Bowman

John Field