

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:00PM at the Town Hall, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

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

Called to order at 5:00PM

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

2. FRRSD Agreement Update

The Otis Select Board has included Sandisfield's request to appoint a point person with the authority to begin negotiations on FRRSD RDA modifications on their agenda for their upcoming meeting.

3. CORI Check Policy

Currently, Sandisfield does not have a CORI check policy. Many surrounding towns reserve the right to conduct CORI checks on new hires, but are not required to do so. Jonathan will confirm with MIIA what the town is required to do before moving forward.

4. Letter to MassDOT/Smitty, re: Rte. 57 No-Name Bridge

The Select Board signs the letter outlining the state of Sandisfield's roads/bridges and the costs of projects that are anticipated in the coming years. These letters will be sent via mail and email to State Representative, Smitty Pignatelli and District 1 Highway Director, Fancisca Heming.

5. Streetlight Removal Project

The town received a lot of feedback on the street light project; the responses were very mixed. Fire Chief and Assistant Police Chief, Ralph Morrison noted these lights were installed for a reason and recommends not removing them. The majority of residents that have a streetlight directly outside their home were in support of removing the lights.

Alex will update the list of streetlights to remove based on the comments from the residents, and will request feedback once more.

6. General Bylaw Committee

There haven't been any requests to be appointed to this committee. The Select Board may want to consider acquiring a grant that will fund the hiring of a team to review the general bylaws. Jonathan will look into potential grants.

7. Town Manager Updates

The Town has accumulated around \$8,000 in unanticipated/emergency maintenance and repairs to the town buildings. However, there is only around \$100 left in the Operations, Maintenance & Repair budget. The Finance Committee has been asked to schedule a meeting to review a Reserve Fund Transfer.

8. Select Board Updates

9. Future Agenda Items

- Green Committee Heat Pump Grant
- TIPS List Clarification
- CORI Check Policy

***Topics Not Anticipated**

Amanda Leavenworth submitted her resignation from the School Committee. The vacancy will be posted to the website requesting candidates.

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

11. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm

Steve Seddon

Alex Bowman

John Field