

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, January 23, 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. May 14, 2022 ATM - Article 20 on HOLD by Attorney General

Town Clerk, Douglas Miner explains the Attorney General claims portions of the Cannabis Bylaw were excluded from the warrant submission. Douglas will double check the previous submissions to confirm, and he assures the issue will be resolved by the end of the day tomorrow.

Jon clarifies that the Attorney General did not object to the bylaw, but instead requested clarification on the 50 acre limit. The Planning Board then took this up at a public meeting. Since the process began, the Governor announced there would be no voluntary 3% Community Impact Fees from growers, nor any other contributions, so the Planning Board did not have any further comment on the bylaw and may suggest banning it entirely at the next Annual Town Meeting. After receiving an extension, the Attorney General has now gone back through the bylaw and have claimed there are missing attachments that should have been included with the bylaw submission.

Sandisfield will need to hear from the Attorney General before March in order to give the Planning Board ample time to hold a public meeting to propose any new bylaw or revisions to the current bylaw (if it were accepted).

3. School Committee Vacancy

The School Committee vacancy was posted on the website. There have not been any requests for appointment. Alex Bowman expressed his interest in the position last week.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Alex Bowman to fill the vacant School Committee position until the May 2023 Election.

Steve Seddon
Alex Bowman
John Field

Aye
Abstains
Aye

4. Cloud Server vs Current Onsite Server

Should the town decide to move to the Cloud, all the software each department uses would need to be changed, as the Cloud does not properly support these programs. Additionally, The Town's IT Manager, does not recommend moving to the Cloud, as it may pose a cyber security threat. The current onsite server allows all departments to access their emails and documents outside the office. However, should the power go out in the Town Hall, no department can access any information on the server.

The issue could potentially be solved with a back-up generator. However, it's noted that should the fiber internet also be down, a generator may not resurrect the server. Alex suggests moving email to the Cloud at the very least. It's questioned whether this is an option; John Shannon will confirm. A three-hour backup battery should be purchased for the Town Clerk state computer at least.

5. Town Manager Updates

Jonathan sent a follow-up email to MassDOT regarding the culvert bridge. Later this week, he has a meeting with MIIA to review the new health insurance integration plan, a meeting with BRPC regarding the municipal employment crisis, and an interview with a candidate for the DPW Admin Asst position.

Jonathan requests permission to write and send a letter on behalf of the Select Board requesting the School Committee host all meetings with hybrid capabilities. The Select Board agrees.

A vehicle crashed into the fence at the cemetery next to Carr Field, destroying part of the fence and a headstone. The culprit fled the scene of the accident, but incidentally left their license plate behind. The Public Safety Officer is working to file the misdemeanors, and determine the town's insurance coverage for these types of incidents.

The American Legion Lease is being reviewed by Town Counsel, as the contract is up for renewal this year.

6. Select Board Updates

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to allow Steve Seddon to sign the vendor and payroll warrants on behalf of the Select Board.

Steve Seddon	Abstains
Alex Bowman	Aye
John Field	Aye

7. Future Agenda Items

- Charter Committee Appointments
- Town Manager Evaluation

8. Review and sign minutes of meetings, purchase orders, warrants, and mail**9. Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Steve Seddon

Alex Bowman

John Field