

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

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

Members present: Steve Seddon, Robert Fedell, Jonathan Sylbert

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

2. Ralph Morrison in for EMS/Fire Department Updates

• Discuss Status of Volunteers and Training

Ralph reports he has a better first-responder roster than he has had in many years. There are currently seven first-responders that can respond during the day, all of which regularly attend trainings. Seven of the eight members have completed the MIIA training, which qualifies for their Risk/Rewards Program.

There is an upcoming three night vehicle-extrication training where first-responders will practice removing victims from vehicles using the jaws of life. There is a new training titled Active Shooter Hostile Environment Response (ASHER) to accommodate the new request that firefighters/EMTs enter with the Police in the event of an active shooter. While entering an active shooter situation as a firefighter/EMT is not mandatory, bullet proof vests are recommended to be purchased for all firefighters/EMTs.

Training for anything regarding the pipeline was completed. The EMTs must complete forty hours of training before the end of the year, of which they have already completed half. Ralph is in the process of scheduling the remaining 20 hours. It's noted that one of the largest issues with scheduling is the lack of trainers available.

\$8,000 was appropriated at the ATM for EMT training for four individuals. Ralph has started the process for scheduling these trainings and already has the four EMTs eager to begin.

There have been 143 calls in FY23, of which 86 were to the Berkshire Rehab Nursing Home.

Ralph notes that the Fire Department bylaws must be updated, and a time will be scheduled in the near future for the Corporation to review and update the bylaws. Bylaws from surrounding towns will be reviewed for reference. Steve requests a copy of the bylaws, so the Select Board can better understand the relationship between the

Town and the Fire Department. Ralph reports that once the bylaws are given to the Select Board, they become public information, which the Corporation does not want. However, Ralph agrees to share them with the Select Board once updated.

3. Annual Appointments

One-Year Appointments	One-Year Appointments	Three-year Appointments
Records Access Off - Douglas Miner	Alt Building Insp - Don Torrico	Registrars - John Burrows
Animal Inspector - Kim Spring	Wiring Insp - Jay Reynolds	COA - Shirley Spring, Linda Riiska, Barbara Cormier
Tree Warden - Vacant	Asst. Wiring Insp - Jeffrey Aloisi	Cultural Council - Ellen Croiber, Vacant
Fire Chief - Ralph Morrison	Asst. Wiring Insp - Robert Kimberly	Hist Comm - Liana Toscanini, Connie Canty
Asst. Fire Chief - Mike Morrison	Plumbing Insp - Charles Pease	ZBA - Barbara Cormier
Asst. Police Chief - Ralph Morrison	Asst. Plumbing Insp - Brian Middleton	
Emer. Man. Director - Mike Morrison	Veteran Service Director - Vacant	Five Year-Appointments
Building Insp - Paul Greene		Conservation Comm - Mary Turek

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint everyone, less the Tree Warden, as listed on the May 30, 2023 agenda.

Steve Seddon	Aye
John Field	Aye
Robert Fedell	Aye

4. Appointment Term Review – Cemetery, Recreation, Green, & Yanner Park Committee

Currently, term expirations are not established for Cemetery, Recreation, Green, and Yanner Park Committee members. This may cause members to become less involved without formally resigning and not allow other interested parties to participate.

Steve suggests establishing a term of three-years for all aforementioned committees. The Committee Chairs will be asked to submit a list of members and their term expiration. Should the Select Board not hear back, they will determine the expirations for the members at random.

5. Year-End Transfers

No Year-End Transfers at this time.

6. Town Manager Project List

The Town Manager regularly updates a project list, which is shared with the Select Board. The list is comprised of items brought forward by the Select Board, residents, staff members, etc, as well as personal projects including job descriptions, grant work, etc. Each project has a status to easily identify completed projects from ones that require attention. The Select Board will submit any questions, comments, or additions to the list before every Thursday. Jonathan can then add any projects to the agenda as necessary.

7. Town Manager Updates

The Town Charter Committee has completed their initial review of the model charter and the Collins Center will attend their next meeting to give their input. Once the Town Charter Committee approves, a public hearing will be scheduled to review with the public. It will then be included to adopt on a Town Meeting warrant.

The Collins Center will be visiting Sandisfield on Thursday, June 8th to conduct the EMS study. The Fire and Police Chief will meet with them to tour the departments and answer any questions.

Mass Audubon has requested Municipal Lien Certifies for six of the eight Minery properties, implying they are looking to sell the parcels. The two parcels that MCLs have not been requested for include the separate lot located on Cold Spring Rd and a small lot on the Otis border.

The Attorney General finally responded to the Cannabis Bylaw, to which they have rejected the 50 acre limit. It is unclear what this means, as it doesn't seem like only a portion of a bylaw can be approved. It must be clarified whether this means the entire bylaw has been rejected. Barbara Cormier notes that the Planning Board will discuss whether to amend the bylaw based on the AG's comments or ban cannabis cultivation altogether.

8. Select Board Updates

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Topics Not Anticipated

11. Review and vote to approve minutes of meetings

12. Review and sign purchase orders, warrants, and mail

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Steve Seddon

Robert Fedell