

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, June 26, 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. DPW updates

A list has been compiled, which includes a schedule of all the DPW maintenance projects, including mowing, cleaning ditches, line painting, etc. Additionally, a list has been created with all the large projects and their schedules, including paving and bridge work.

Before the culvert replacement process can begin at 90 Sandisfield Rd, some preliminary tree work needs to be completed. The trees that need to be removed include those on private property. Brad has been given permission by property owner, Dana Beardsley to move forward with the tree removal. This will begin July 11, 2023 at the latest, but Brad is seeking alternate companies for a sooner completion of this project.

The GPS units and cameras will be installed on the DPW vehicles and equipment this week.

3. Composition and appointment of Green Committee

Steve reports that all Committee/Commission members were asked for re-appointments. Only Anina Carr reached out requesting reappointment to the Green Committee. The Green Committee, which has not met since last year, is a valuable Committee that works towards making Sandisfield more eco-friendly. In order to appoint new members, the Select Board agrees to remove the remaining members.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to remove Larry Dwyer and George Riley from the Green Committee.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Robert Fedell	Aye

4. Consider Code Red or Civic Plus emergency alert services

An emergency alert system would be valuable to Sandisfield as it would create a direct line of communication to alert residents of instances like road closures, Town Hall/Transfer Station/School closures, inclement weather warnings, etc. The alerts can be made via phone, email or text. Code Red is the cheaper option, at \$1,500 for initial setup and \$1,200 annually thereafter. This will go on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting in the fall for the townspeople to consider.

5. Planning Board Community Outreach Meeting, re: business district

The Planning Board would like to host another Community Outreach Meeting on July 21, 2023 with the Select Board to discuss potential locations for business districts and establish a business by-right. The meeting will be held at the Old Town Hall at 6:30pm. Town residents and second homeowners are welcome to bring any other suggestions they have to the meeting.

6. Letter of Support Request - 1Berkshire

The Town Manager signs the letter of support for 1Berkshire's (an economic development organization) application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build to Scale Venture Challenge grant program for the Berkshire Tech Impact Collaborative project.

***Bid Opening for Transfer Station Hauling and Services**

At 7:00pm Steve Seddon opened the only bid the Town received for Transfer Station hauling and services, which came from Roger Trucking. The contract includes:

Equipment:

- 40 yard compactor container for residential waste, \$200 for years 1 & 2
- 30 yard container for residential construction/bulky material, \$125 for years 1 & 2
- 40 yard container for residential construction/bulky material, \$175 for years 1 & 2
- 40 yard compactor container for recyclables, \$200 for years 1 & 2
- 40 year covered container for recyclables, \$350 for years 1 & 2
- 30 yard container for scrap metal, \$125 for years 1 & 2
- 40 yard container for scrap metal, \$175 for years 1 & 2
- Compactor container for residential waste, \$350 year 1, \$385 year 2

Hauling Charges:

- Container for residential construction/bulky materials \$300 year 1, \$330 year 2
- Container scrap metal, \$225 year 1, \$247.50 year 2

- Disposal Charges:

7. Year-End Transfers

- \$6,000.00 from Highway Machinery to Vehicle Fuel
- \$10,000.00 from Employee Benefits to Highway Salaries
- \$500.00 from Tax Lien to Outside Treasurer Payroll
- \$650.00 from Planning Board Clerk to Planning Board Expenses
- \$240.00 from Conservation Commission Expenses to Con Comm Clerk

Steve Seddon	Aye
Robert Fedell	Aye

The Board of Health has sent their notification of inspection to Jennifer Pilbin of 12 W. Hubbard Rd, which will take place Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 9:00am.

A Special Permit Hearing will be conducted during the Select Board meeting on July 10, 2023 for Patricia Creem of 158 New Hartford Rd regarding building on a nonconforming lot.

9. Select Board Updates

10. Future Agenda Items

- Financial Investment Policy

11. Topics Not Anticipated/Public Comment

The Select Board signs the Liquor License for the Farmington River General Store. The Select Board already approved the license at a Public Hearing, and the state has approved as well.

12. Review and vote to approve minutes of meetings

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

14. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Steve Seddon

Robert Fedell