

# Town of Sandisfield

## Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, August 14, 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. Joint Meeting with Planning Board**

#### **• Cannabis Bylaw Review**

Steve reiterates that the Attorney General has approved the Cannabis Bylaw excluding the 50 acre minimum. With no minimum acreage requirement and the lack of revenue these types of facilities will produce, it needs to be decided what route the Town would like to take, appeal, amend, or ban the bylaw altogether. Barbara Cormier reports the Planning Board unanimously agrees to ask the Town for a total cannabis cultivation ban at Town Meeting.

#### **• Proposed Tent Camping Bylaw/Business Districts**

The Select Board would like to hold off on any comments or insight they may have on the Tent Camping Bylaw and proposed Business Districts until the Planning Board holds their public hearing. The Planning Board would like the Select Board to consider holding a Special Town Meeting to present the Tent Camping Bylaw, proposed Business Districts, and cannabis cultivation ban. This will allow the Annual Town Meeting in May to conclude faster.

### **3. Brad Curry in for DPW Updates**

The Route 57 Culvert Bridge is still on schedule to finish on time, which will be no later than August 24th.

The DPW has been busy battling the frequent heavy rain storms. An emergency was declared and Brad is waiting to hear from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency as to whether they will cover some of the costs of the damage, including washouts, culvert damage, and flooding. The DPW has already spent around \$45,000 on materials and overtime for the inclement weather events. Jonathan notes that it is unlikely Sandisfield will be reimbursed for these costs, as MEMA looks at the average

rainfall of all the towns in a county to determine reimbursement. This is what happened after the March 2023 snow storm.

Brad is looking into using Chapter 90 funds to pay for culvert work on Town Hill Road and repaving the Town Hall parking lot. The parking lot project will hopefully begin by the end of September.

The DPW is currently down two laborers. Brad has received two applications and two phone calls asking how to get applications. He is now in the process of reviewing applicants to fill the vacancies.

#### **4. Cannabis Sub-Committee Re-appointments**

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to re-appoint Jeff Bye, Leslie Garwood, Jay Greenwell, Ed Brozman and Laura Rogers-Castro to the Cannabis Sub-Committee.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Robert Fedell	Aye

#### **5. Board of Assessors Appointment**

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Steve Kopiec to the vacant Board of Assessors seat.

Steve Seddon	Aye
Robert Fedell	Aye

#### **6. Sign New Boston Inn licenses (Alcohol, Common Vic, Innkeepers, Sunday Entertainment)**

The Select Board signs all the licenses for the New Boston Inn, which include Alcohol, Common Vic, Innkeepers, and Sunday Entertainment, all of which expire December 31, 2023.

#### **7. Town Manager Updates/Project List**

The duration of Route 57 will be repaved in FY24 by the state. This will likely occur in Spring of 2024. The bids for the IT grant for an updated security system to the Town Hall, Old Town Hall, and DPW Garage, have been received. Jon suspects there will be enough money to install cameras at the Transfer Station as well.

The final Board of Health inspection at the trailer of Jennifer Pilbin on West Hubbard Rd is scheduled for August 16th. At the initial inspection Jennifer refused to let the BOH enter the trailer and the inspection was not completed. The BOH then gave her an order of conditions, to which Jennifer requested and was granted an extension. Should Jennifer not allow the upcoming inspection, the Court will step in to conduct the inspection. Jennifer is still being fined daily.

## **8. Select Board Updates**

Steve has received three prevailing wage bids for the Library and Old Town Hall roofs. Additionally, some work has been done at the Library to assist in preventing flooding.

## **9. Future Agenda Items**

### **10. Topics Not Anticipated**

### **11. Public Comment**

Baraba Cormier asks if the Select Board can look into hiring an Enforcement Officer to encourage compliance with the bylaws. Steve notes that without complaints to the Select Board of noncompliance, no action can be taken regardless of an Enforcement Officer.

### **12. Review and vote to approve minutes of meetings**

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

### **14. Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

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Steve Seddon

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Robert Fedell