

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

Minutes for Select Board Work Session held on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 3:30PM at the Town Hall, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

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

1. Review and discuss Draft Capital Plan

Based on the purchase year and life expectancy of many of the trucks and equipment, including two 550 trucks and one 350 truck, many of the items should have already been replaced. Replacement costs for all vehicles/equipment must be reviewed annually because prices constantly fluctuate.

Police vehicle usage is briefly discussed. Alex requests a list of uses for all vehicles from the department heads. The possibility of replacing the DPW's F550 this fiscal year is discussed. The Select Board supports buying the truck new to assure the best quality and longest lifespan. All the DPW equipment and the possibility of leasing some of the lesser used pieces is discussed.

John Field suggests purchasing a larger chipper, as he believes it will be more cost effective. Fire Department equipment replacement costs are revisited and adjusted accordingly.

It is clarified that the Capital Planning Committee was an illegitimate committee, for it was never established at town meeting. DLS had already stated the Capital Plan could be compiled by a Town Manager, rather than a committee. It's confirmed the Town Manager does not have the authority to act on the Capital Plan, but rather present the data to the Select Board to make a decision.

Building maintenance is proposed to be included on the Capital Plan. Jonathan notes there is an Americans with Disabilities Act grant available that may assist with upgrades to things like ramps.

Old Town Hall is discussed and the options for repairs. It's noted that it may be in the Town's best interest to find another location for a Community Center and no longer maintain Old Town Hall. Possible locations are discussed. A short-term building maintenance plan must be established.

2. Review and discuss STM Draft Agenda

The draft warrant articles currently read as follows:

- Article to request the School Committee draft an amendment setting forth the terms of Sandisfield's withdrawal from the district

- Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw
- Shared Driveway Bylaw Amendment
- MGL Chapter 60 Section 62-65 - Tax payment agreements and title taking procedures
- Adoption of MGL Title 7 Chapter 40U- Section 12 - Attaching citations to properties as liens
- Town Manager/Administrator Bylaw
- Appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash, to purchase and equip a Ford F-550 truck for the DPW (Free cash must be certified before using it to purchase the truck.)

Alex has potential additions to the warrant: asking the town to allow the sale of two pieces of land, a 0.22 acre lot on West St and a 105 acre logging property on Beech Hill Rd. Once the town gets approval to sell, the properties would need to go to auction. Additionally, there is another 3.1 acre piece of property across from 90 Sandisfield Rd the town could consider selling.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Steve Seddon

Alex Bowman

John Field