Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30PM at the Town Hall, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: Steve Seddon, Alex Bowman, Jonathan Sylbert

Called to order at 6:30PM

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

2. Brad Curry in for DPW Updates

The grader must be brought to John Deere in Springfield to install the plow and wings; it should be returned by early December. The new roller should arrive early December as well.

Brad has been working with the financial departments on reimbursements. The DPW has already received reimbursement from a chip/seal job, Complete Streets, and a partial reimbursement for the bridge grant. Chapter 90 reimbursement is actively being addressed.

Two budgets that could potentially be underfunded include Highway Bridge/Road Maintenance and Vehicle Fuel. Brad will monitor these budgets as the fiscal year progresses.

The ramp and railing at Old Town Hall has been repaired. Steve Seddon scheduled the concrete ramp to be poured and volunteered his carpentry crew to install the new railing.

There is a brief discussion on driveway permits. Brad will send a letter to those who may be in violation of driveway requirements, such as water runoff issues. Refusing to issue a certificate of occupancy until the owner is compliant may be the best way to assure all driveway bylaws are being followed.

3. Transfer Station Sticker Renewal and Price

Jonathan explains that in order to accurately budget for the next fiscal year, it makes sense to switch the transfer station sticker renewals to operate on a fiscal year, rather than a calendar year moving forward. The Select Board agrees, and will charge half price, \$37.50, per two stickers for half the year, January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023. Stickers will need to be renewed again prior to July 1, 2023, and will operate on a fiscal basis thereafter.

4. Annual Appointments

• Fire Chief – Ralph Morrison

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Ralph Morrison as Fire Chief.

Steve Seddon Aye Alex Bowman Aye

5. Sign Retail Liquor License Renewal Certification 2023

New Boston Inn will be newing their liquor license, MJ Tuckers will not. The Select Board signs the certification.

6. Rumble Strip Removal Letter

Alex reads the letter highlighting concern for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians on Route 57 due to the newly installed rumblestrips. The Select Board signs the letter to be sent to the Director of Highway District 1, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board Coordinator, and Deputy Administrator Chief Engineer of MassDOT.

7. Dilapidated Vehicle Letters

Letters asking residents to provide proof of registration or remove dilapidated vehicles from their properties will be sent to 198 New Hartford Rd, 186 Town Hill Rd, 70 West St, and 184 New Hartford Rd.

8. Vote to Surplus 1996 Firetruck

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to surplus the 1996 Firetruck.

Steve Seddon Aye Alex Bowman Aye

9. Town Manager Updates

A meeting will be scheduled with a MIIA representative to review the additional perks employees would receive should they switch insurance from Berkshire Health Group to MIIA.

Colonial Power will announce their rate options by December 1, 2022. Residents will then have one month to make a decision to sign on with the provider or continue with Eversource.

Violation citations must be sent to the violator every day and a copy of said violation to the court, otherwise the case will not hold up. A plan will be established with Paul Greene and the administrative assistant to send the citations regularly.

Town Counsel will review the Cannabis Bylaw with Jonathan and Planning Board Chair, Barabara Cormier on Wednesday, 11/9.

Larry Dwyer resigned from the Finance Committee. Jonathan and the Select Board thank him for his service.

10. Select Board Updates

The Select Board received a letter from the residents of West Hubbard Road complaining about a neighbor in violation of multiple bylaws. There were some complaints within the letter that the town has no jurisdiction over including, running generators, noise, shooting guns, and visible gasoline cans. However, the Select Board confirms they are doing everything they can where they have authority.

- 11. Future Agenda Items
- 12. Review and sign minutes of meetings, purchase orders, warrants, and mail
- 13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.	
Steve Seddon	
Alex Bowman	