



TOWN OF DRESDEN

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AGENDA

Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors Meeting
AUGUST 2, 2022

MEETING TIME—5PM AT POWNALBOROUGH HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER- 5pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by John Rzasa

3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Motion by Allan and seconded by Don to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, **Vote was unanimous.**

4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS:

Motion by Allan and seconded by Don to approve the warrants, **Vote was unanimous.**

AP Warrant(s) # 6

Payroll Warrant(s) # 5

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

6. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Board- Jeff Pierce reported that the planning board has been working on approving a camping site on Calls Hill.
- B. School Board Reps- This report centered around the Superintendent of Schools giving his notice one month after signing a contract to be the permanent superintendent. Jeff Bickford reported that there was new hope with the leadership that Matt brought to the role, but this now sets the RSU back as they go back into limbo.
- C. Broadband Committee- The committee has been meeting and will be reviewing the submissions to the RFP for the study. Daniel also will be presenting a formal committee charge and membership list for the next meeting.

7. SELECTBOARD REPORTS

- A. Transfer Station- Staff report that the transfer station continues to see a steady number of customers, much higher than is usual for this time of year. Also discussed was that residents

have been informed we are no longer accepting metal and that if they want to bring it to Richmond they can, otherwise it will be up to them to dispose of it.

- B. Town Office- Daniel reported that he is gathering quotes for installing cameras at the office. This is an item that has been discussed for many years. Daniel presented the board with a petitioned that while having the number of signatures needed to force a warrant article, the language did not meet the requirements. The petition was to change the Selectboard meeting times from 5pm to 6pm.
- C. Roads- Allan reported that people are still concerned with roadside mowing, which will be discussed later in the meeting. There was also a complaint made about crack material being accumulated on a resident's vehicle and that the contractor will be taking care of it.
- D. Fire Department- Chief Lilly reported that the rescue vehicle has been down for several weeks or longer and he will be working on getting a price for that. There is a thought that it might be cheaper in the long range to investigate purchasing a new/used vehicle. The past few weeks have been very busy for the department, responding to many calls including one involving a fellow fireman.
- E. Water Department- Chuck Applebee asked when the town would be mowing along the road and on the property. Daniel and Allan will take a look at it as we were not aware the town mowed there.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tax Acquired Properties- Daniel reported that he has spoken to the owner of the river road property and there is push back from them in regards to the stipulation that the old mobile home needs to be removed before they quit claim deed is signed. Daniel will check on this with the town attorney.
- B. McFadden Road- There was a meeting between Allan and property owner Dan Murray about what the town was willing to do with the road. Allan discussed that if the town is able to, the agreement that was made was that the town will provide a few loads of gravel and culvert pipes, while Dan Murray would pay for the rest. This was agreeable to everyone.
- C. Special Town Meeting- After concern about dates and notice of the meeting were corrected, Daniel asked the Selectboard to consider a special town meeting to correct an omission from the annual town meeting and take money from surplus for a revaluation. Motion by Allan and seconded by Don to hold a special town meeting on August 30, **Vote was unanimous**
- D. Roadside mowing quote- At the previous meeting Daniel submitted a quote for roadside mowing from Seabreeze that the board felt was a little high and asked Daniel to seek other options. Daniel is now asking the board to reconsider the Seabreeze quote as it is only \$600 over the budgeted amount and the pool of contractors for this service is very small. Motion by Allan and seconded by Don to approve the Seabreeze Roadside Mowing Quote, **Vote was unanimous**

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Attorney contact policy- The board was presented with a draft policy that would limit who contacted the town attorney and MMA legal for legal advice/information to the Town Administrator and Selectboard chair. This is a common practice for towns and it was suggested by MMA legal as well. Don had concerns that this was a little too restrictive and Daniel noted that it doesn't stop other staff from doing it, rather keeps the administrator as the approver and in the loop. Motion by Allan and seconded by John to the Attorney Contact Policy, **Vote was unanimous**
- B. Accounting/Audit update- Daniel gave a brief presentation on how he has been updating the town's accounting practices. Mainly it was discussed that the town's funds are not broken into different funds, based on what purpose they have, capital projects, trust funds, etc. Daniel also noted that he took all the FY21 materials back from the auditor and has almost completed

revamping them as more needed corrections were found after they were submitted. The plan now is to give boy FY21 and FY22 to the auditor.

- C. Website update- Daniel reported that he has been working with different firms to get prices on rebuilding the website, along with the current contractor. This will be presented at the next meeting.
- D. Municipal Parking/War Memorial- Daniel wanted to get an update on what it would take to get this project going as it has been talked about for a long time. Allan said he could start working on it either later this week or next week. There was also discussion about making sure it was referred to as a veteran memorial rather than a war memorial.
- E. Supplemental Tax Bill- Map 2 Lot 59.B. Motion by Allan and seconded by Don to approve.
Vote was unanimous

10. CITZENS CONCERN

Leah Bickford- She brought up concerns that when the town voted on the question of exploring withdrawal from the RSU that most townspeople were not aware of what they were voting on. With the superintendent giving notice and the RSU going back into limbo it is more important now because the quality of education is going to come back into question. This led to a lengthy and broad discussion about services the town offers or doesn't offer and ways the town can get people more involved.

Shari Lilly- She discussed concerns about the intersection at of River rd. and Patterson road, which has been the site of historic and recent car accidents. She asked the town to look into getting more lights and cutting the trees back as you have to pull out so far to see oncoming traffic.

River Rd Speeding- A resident came to the Selectboard after being redirected from the DOT. The conclusions being that Allan would speak to the DOT office and see what the process is from here and what options there are.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

A. Personnel Matter

Motion by Allan and seconded by Don to enter into executive Session Per MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Subchapter 405 Part A , **Vote was unanimous**

Motion by Allan and seconded by Don to exit executive Session, **Vote was unanimous**

12. ADJOURNMENT- 6:52pm