



TOWN OF DRESDEN

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AGENDA

Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors Meeting
AUGUST 16, 2022

MEETING TIME—5PM AT POWNALBOROUGH HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER- 5pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Allan Moeller
3. APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Daniel noted that he needs to add to the Selectboard reports section that the board discussed the petition that was submitted to change the meeting time. **Don motioned to approve as amended and Allan seconded, Vote was unanimous**

4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS

Allan motioned to approve, withholding the Allegiance Truck check, and Don seconded, Vote was unanimous

AP Warrant(s) #

Payroll Warrant(s) #

5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -

A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

B. There is a special town meeting on August 30th at 6pm to correct an omission from the annual town meeting and vote on appropriating funds for a revaluation.

6. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Board- No Report Given

B. School Board Reps- Jeff Bickford reported that the district has sent out invitations to the community to serve on the search committee for the interim superintendent. If interested, it is important that you attend all meetings. The plan is to hire a interim for the school and conduct a search at the time of year when more people are looking to move districts.

C. Broadband Committee- The committee report that the deadline for proposals for the study has gone by. There were three responses with two actually proposals. The committee will be meeting with the other towns to discuss further and report a recommendation back to the board. **Don motioned to approve the committee charge and the slate of members and Allan seconded, Vote was unanimous.**

Committee Charge and Member Appointments

7. SELECTBOARD REPORTS

- A. Transfer Station- Daniel reported the volume was done to about 50 bags per week compared to the high of over 100 the past few weeks. A staff member was injured and took time off after being bite by brown hornets.
- B. Town Office- The new sign has been installed and electricity will be run to it soon.
- C. Roads- Road mowing was completed yesterday. Allan is still waiting for Josh Watson and crew to be available to do culvert and ditching work.
- D. Fire Department- Most of this report was related to personnel matters, but the chief does report that in July they responded to over 20 calls and so far, this month they are averaging one a day. Steve is still working on getting a proposal together regarding the rescue vehicle.
- E. Water Department- No update at this time.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tax Acquired Properties- Daniel reported that after consulting with the town lawyer the town can not put a condition on releasing the quitclaim deed, so he will do that soon. The forest fire in the Dresden last week was on a tax acquired property, the town is working with a forest ranger on that.
- B. McFadden Road- Allan and the interested property owner agreed that the town will provide up to \$500 worth of gravel and used culvert pipes we have in stock. **Allan motioned to \$500 worth of gravel and used culverts pipes for repairs on the McFadden road and Don seconded, Vote was unanimous.**
- C. Broadband Study RFP results- See Broadband Committee Report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accounting/Audit update- Daniel wanted to update that he has completed the FY21 year and will be brining it back to the auditors.
- B. Website update- Over the past few weeks Daniel has spoken to a few website creators, including Lauren Haven, who does the town's current website. Daniel presented the board with a proposal from Revize, based in the Midwest and invited Lauren to the meeting to answer questions from the board. Lauren is offering the town the friends and family discount of \$500 to redesign the website and add ADA compliance for an additional charge. The selectboard decided to charge the broadband and technology committee with working with Lauren for the redesign.

10. CITZENS CONCERNS

Shari Lilly- She wanted to note that the Selectboard report for the last meeting should include that that the planning board also discussed that they are in the early stages of writing a solar wind farm moratorium. Daniel will revise the minutes.

Dave Probert- Dave was looking for support from the Selectboard for the Lincoln County historical society to host a shredding event, like one talked about at a previous meeting. The society would organize and staff the event, so long as the town paid for the up-front cost of the shredding company. This was agreed to.

Gary Bleu- Gary informed the board and Daniel a state program that was approved this last legislative session to help towns combat Browntail Moth infestation. He wanted to know if the town had applied for it. Daniel stated he was not aware of it yet but will investigate it. Gary also wanted to know what the town was doing about the lack of EMS personnel in town, especially on the fire department. The

Selectboard is aware of this problem and Daniel stated he and the fire chief will be meeting to discuss some ideas of how to grow the numbers. Lastly Gary asked the Selectboard why the auditors are still working for the town when we are owed two audits. After a discussion on what was currently happening with the audit Daniel stated currently the town is behind because reasons outside of the auditor's work. If there came a time when this wasn't the case he would recommend to the board that we look to another auditor.

11. ADJOURNMENT- 6:25pm