



## TOWN OF DRESDEN

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### AGENDA

Board of Selectmen/Board of Assessors Meeting  
SPETEMBER 27 2022

**MEETING TIME—5PM AT POWNALBOROUGH HALL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 5:01pm**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

Don motioned to approve the minutes and Allan seconded, vote was unanimous

**4. APPROVE & SIGN PRESENT WARRANTS**

Don motioned to approve the minutes and Allan seconded, vote was unanimous

**AP Warrant(s) # 15**

**Payroll Warrant(s) # 14**

**5. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

- A. The next regular Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Pownalborough Hall.

**6. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Planning Board- No report was given. John asked Daniel to confirm with them that they should be giving a report for each meeting. Daniel stated the answer he was given last time was they report when there is something to report.
- B. School Board Reps – Jeff Bickford reported that a interim superintendent has been hired and will be starting soon, with a one to two week overlap with the outgoing superintendent. Jeff also discussed the change in the EDU279 from the stat that resulted in a higher school budget for Dresden. This led to a lengthy discussion on the school budget and school district as whole, with the end result that there is still people in town looking to explore what options Dresden has.
- C. Broadband Committee- Judy Tunkle reported that the meeting held last week with the state Connectivity Authority was very informative and has given the committee more guidance. The contract with Axiom is now signed. Judy also discussed that there was two paths for additional money for the broadband project. The first one is a Get Ready grant that would helps the three towns pay for the expenses of the studies and like projects. She asked the Selectboard for

authority to apply for this grant. **Don motioned to approve the Daniel and Judy to apply on behalf of the town for the Get Ready Grant and Allan seconded, vote was unanimous**

## **7. SELECTBOARD REPORTS**

- A. Transfer Station- Daniel stated that operations continue to run smooth, and it is great to hear all the positive feedback from the community as well. Daniel has spoken to a few redemption centers about Dresden's bottle build up. There are no local centers interested in coming to get the town's bottles as they are already overrun. Daniel and Ernie will discuss more to see if there is a way to drop off a few bags here and there.
- B. Town Office- Daniel took this time to address the concerns that have been expressed about the tax bills. Daniel and Joe Salley, the assessor's agent, explained that the factoring was done to give residents back their full homestead exemption and to prevent any lose in state revenues. Daniel prepared a document that showed the change in the average tax bill since 2015 and what contributed to that change. The 2022 tax bills were affected most by a almost \$200k raise in both the school and county budgets. Residents were able to ask many questions of town officials to better understand the changes.
- C. Roads- Allan reported that culverts will be arriving soon, and that Josh Watson will hopefully be starting to repair or change culverts in the next few weeks.
- D. Fire Department- Steve Lilly reported that all the fire trucks have gone through their annual pump tests. The trucks will need a few minor repairs to get their certificates. The department will also be holding their annual fire prevents event on the night of October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Water Department- No report given

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Tax Acquired Properties- There has been no changes yet, this will be on the agendas until it completed.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Security system at TO- Daniel presented the board with a quote that was received from Black Dimond Security. It was agreed that Daniel will seek other prices as well.
- B. Abatement Map 6 Lot 102- **Allan motions to approve and Allan seconded, vote was unanimous**

## **10. CITZENS CONCERNS**

**Judy Tunkle-** Gave praise for the new parking area at the town office.

**Ryan Cote-** Ryan noted that he wanted to give praise to the school staff because they work very hard and the conversation we earlier did not seem to acknowledge that.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT- 6:20pm**