



Town of Dublin
Select Board Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023

4:30 PM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Carole Monroe, Susan Peters, Chris Raymond and Alan Edelkind

Select Board reviewed the correspondence file

CALL TO ORDER: Carole Monroe called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

SELECT BOARD'S BUSINESS:

1. **Department Head reports Alan Edelkind**-The School Board was given the charge of creating a level budget, they worked toward that goal with a 1.35 % increase. Alan reports that the School District cannot control costs around salaries and benefits which are contractual. The District financial assessment was reviewed. The formula that is used for assessing the tax rate is going to be brought up at the next School Board meeting. Dublin has 129 students out of ConVal's 1996 students about 6.5 % of the students; with the current formula Dublin is paying 8.7 % of the District expenses. Consolidation was also discussed; a consulting company will be hired to examine the question about consolidating schools in the ConVal district. There will be multiple community forums, there are financial considerations but more importantly the question of educational equity and safety need to be examined.
2. **Recreational Trust Fund**-Carole was asked what the process for requesting funds from the Recreation trust fund entail. The request process will require a warrant article request form plus a presentation to the Select Board. The Board will then determine whether the request is a Capital Improvement project or a routine (although maybe a much needed) maintenance project which would make the request fall under a "budgeted item". Funds will not be distributed without proper documentation. Carole made a motion to change the name of Dublin Rotary Park to Dublin Park at the request of the Conservation Commission. Chris seconded. Roll call vote; Chris, yes; Carole, yes and Susan, yes.
3. **Intent to Excavate-Map 7 Lot 38 Sub B&G-Cobb Meadow Road access point**-Signed by the Board.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of March 6, 2023**-Carole made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Susan seconded. Roll call vote; Chris, abstained; Carole, yes and Susan, yes.

5. **Approval of the Hearing Minutes of March 13, 2023**-Chris made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Carole seconded. Roll call vote; Chris, yes; Carole, yes and Susan, yes.
6. **Miscellaneous, Town Administrator report and Select Board report on Committees**
- There was a discussion about the welfare trusts and if they can be expended to offset welfare expenditures. This question will be researched.
 - Should there be a maintenance person at Town Hall? A possible solution of having a highway person help was discussed.
 - Susan is going to another Housing Academy meeting in Bedford. There is a Planning Board meeting on March 30th and a meeting on March 23rd to get volunteers for the HOP grant. Discussion ensued about the site visit coming up including issues around the wetland's setback.
 - Employee appreciation party-discussed, this annual event will be scheduled.
 - Storm damage-A car was damaged as well as a granite marker post and the gutters at the Library also have suffered storm damage.
 - Payroll is migrating over to the updated system.
 - Transfer Station signs were discussed; this will be further considered in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Carole made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:23 pm. Susan seconded. Roll call vote: Susan, yes. Carole, yes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine M. Fuller

Carole Monroe (Chair)

Susan Peters

Chris Raymond