

Town of Dublin Select Board Meeting Monday, May 8, 2023

4:30 PM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Carole Monroe, Susan Peters and Chris Raymond

Select Board reviewed the correspondence file, payroll and accounts payable.

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

SELECT BOARD'S BUSINESS:

1. Department Head Report-Highway- Road agent, Roger Trempe, was unable to attend the meeting but asked the Town Administrator to speak on his behalf. The loader's emission sensor needs repair, and fortunately, it is still under warranty. Repairs to the Town Hall parking lot, caused by the harsh winter, are underway. Chris updated the Board on a possible opportunity to purchase a grader. This topic will be part of the discussion at the CIP meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, May 10th.

- 2. Bids for Overhead Doors for the Highway Barn- Three Bids were received:
 - Ron Wescott- \$15,000.00
 - Overhead Doors- \$20,800.00
 - Keene Door-\$18.985.00

Chris made a motion to hire Ron Wescott to install the highway barn doors and for Roger to hire the necessary electrical work, not to exceed the Town-voted amount of \$16,000. Carole seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, yes.

- **3. ARPA Funds update-** Kate reviewed the total amount received and spent to date. She spoke about the remaining balance which is already spoken for. All money was accounted for.
- **4. Building Permit for signature-** signed by the Board.
 - Map 6 Lot 43-7 Schoolhouse Road
- **5. Intent to Cut for signature-** signed by the Board.
 - 23-127-01-T Learned Road
- **6.** Cemetery Deed for signature- signed by the Board

- Lot #385- Switzer
- **7. Approval of the Minutes for May 1, 2023** Chris made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Carole seconded. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, yes.
- 8. Flexible Spending Account for discussion- Kate read the rules that apply to Flexible spending accounts and explained the set-up process. This type of account would be administered by the Town's healthcare provider, Health Trust. Kate stated that this is an opportunity to offer an employee benefit at almost no cost to the town. Susan made a motion to offer the opportunity of a Flexible Spending Account to full-time employees. Chris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Chris, yes. Susan, yes. Carole, yes.
- **9. RFP for Security Camera Upgrades for review-** Kate present to the Board an ad that will be published in the Monadnock Ledger for their editing and approval. Discussion ensued about expectation of coverage for the three buildings approved by Town-vote: Archives, Town Barn and the Transfer Station. The wording of the ad was edited and approved for publication.

10. Miscellaneous:

- Chris mentioned the need to find someone who is technologically savvy enough to understand and make changes to the CIP spreadsheet. Much of the spreadsheet is "locked". The Town Administrator will work with Archives to find the last version of an unlocked version.
- Susan received an email from Mike Putnam who is interested in exploring the possibility of developing rural solar farms in Dublin and Harrisville. Susan mentioned that at the last Planning Board meeting, Karl Ecklison spoke of his concerns about a solar farm that was currently being built in Keene and wondered how Dublin's ordinances protect our environment from large clear-cutting. Chris mentioned to Susan that she suggests to the Planning Board that it might be a good idea to delineate the difference between a commercial and personal solar array.
- With Planning Board tasks on the table, it was also suggested that the PB continue to work on having "like wording" in regards to Air B&B regulations and its application. Susan informed the Select Board that this was a topic on the Planning Board's agenda.
- Fuel costs were once again discussed since prices continue to fluctuate. The Board is interested in finding out if "lock-in" prices are now being offered or if

the opportunity to pre-buy at a lower price is available. Bids for fuel will go out to get better prices going forward.

• There will not be a Select Board meeting next Monday, May 15, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chris made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:08pm. Carole seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine M. Fuller and Pamela J. Cox	
Carole Monroe (Chair)	
Susan Peters	
Chris Raymond	