

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, July 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitor James Arisman

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Personnel issue, zoning issue, return to work, tax rates, Australian Ballot for local issue, truck issue, fuel bids

**Public Comment:** none

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the July 8 and July 13 meetings.

**Personnel Issue:** Chris moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Rich seconded – all in favor. Returned to open session at 6:20. Chris is going to contact the town attorney regarding the posting on the Plainfield People Facebook page. Laurie is going to compose a follow-up letter to the zoning administrator regarding zoning procedures. Bobbi will document complaints that the town receives and forward them to the Selectboard.

**COVID:** The Board approved Bobbi's request to apply for a grant to digitize more land records.

**Permit:** The Board approved a permit application for work under Bean Road.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** The Selectboard discussed the cow parsnip along the nature trail. They will ask the Conservation Commission for a recommendation for what to do about it.

**Tax Rates:** The Selectboard set the town tax rate at 0.7662 and the local agreement rate .0065. The homestead rate is 1.887 and the non-residential rate is 1.8174 (those rates are set by the state).

**Zoning Issue:** Henry Harris is advertising a camp to be held on his property in Marshfield. He was told last year that he would need to obtain a permit before he could hold the camp. The Zoning Administrator will be informed.

**Town Meeting:** The Board discussed how to vote on whether to move town meeting to Saturday. Bobbi will research whether there could be an advisory vote, and whether the meeting could be moved back to Tuesday if the attendance dropped.

**Pickup:** The Town has ordered a new pickup. Chris suggested that instead of selling the old one, it could be used by the Fire Department for forest fires and rescue operations, so they don't have to take a large fire truck to car accidents, etc. There is money in the Fire Department's capital equipment fund. Chris will talk to Will about it.

**Return to Work:** Shane Brickey has been cleared to return to work. CDL drivers are required by federal law to have a drug screen before returning to work. His test is scheduled for Wednesday and he will be returning to work next week.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** Dan is looking into getting a new flag. Dan has cleaned the pellet boiler at the Old Schoolhouse and he feels that he has solved the issue with it plugging up, so it should work better this heating season. The Board discussed whether to put the pellets out to bid, considering that the pellets that we are getting are the best quality. Chris will talk to Rich Phillips to see what the options are for other suppliers.

**Fuel Bids:** The Board opened and read bids for fuels.

	Propane Floating	Propane Fixed	Diesel Floating	Diesel Fixed	Heating Floating	Heating Fixed
Gillespie	1.24	1.39	1.5839		1.5453	1.697
Bourne		1.89				1.85
Dead River			1.6764	1.872	1.6245	1.7324

The Board chose the floating price for all three fuels, from Gillespie Fuels. Bobbi noted that before we can begin purchasing diesel fuel under the new contract, we need to finish out the gallons that were purchased under last year’s contract.

**Speed Enforcement:** Rich will post on Front Porch Forum to ask for volunteers for the task force that was discussed at town meeting.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll, and authorized Rich to sign on behalf of the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 20, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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