

Town of Montgomery
Meeting of the Board of Selectmen/Board of Health
Minutes for September 3, 2020

Present: Michael Morrissey, Jacob Chapman, Donald Washburn, Jane Thielen, Maggie Bean-Ducharme

7:07PM Meeting called to order. Maggie took the minutes.

I. Administrative Business

1. Review and approve minutes from August 20, all in favor.
2. Payroll and vendor warrants reviewed and signed.
3. Review mail & e-mail
 - a. Email from MMA regarding webinar for reopening schools and police reform, no interest.
 - b. Email regarding Housing Choice Small Town grant application for FY2021, reviewed, not eligible as Montgomery does not have public housing.
 - c. Email from MEMA regarding September being Emergency Preparedness Month, reviewed.
4. Meetings and Reminder
 - a. GRSD reopening, discussed.

II. Selectmen New Business

1. Tom Swotchak of Pitcher Street in attendance to discuss speeding signs and dust control on the street. Curtis priced out calcium, approx \$2000, Curtis would like to pave the road, Mike suggested putting millings down. Discussion of speed bumps being placed, Tom brings to the Boards attention a resident of Pitcher Street has a deaf child and there is no signage/speed limits posted. Tom spoke with Jim Adams, re: problems at reservoir, they continue to work on signage, discuss barriers to signing the agreement and the Board will contact Jim to figure out the details.
2. Martin Tomaszewski regarding Avery Road Turnaround, unable to attend, tabled.
3. Letter from Paula Long, the Library outside bulletin board needs replacement. Mike mentions that the library has a budget they need to use to fix the bulletin board and the library does not need the Selectboard approval. Jacob will look at the bulletin board first.
4. Tim Baker from the Board of Assessors unable to attend. Mike discusses the letter that Tim sent. Tim asked for more money to catch up on assessments, due to being 10 yrs out of cycle. Mike suggests an outside firm to do 100% of the assessments and get them all done and 100% compliant with the state, then hold the assessors to keeping up with assessments. Jane shares the email from Patriot, discussed Tim must approve or disapprove the Patriot quote as he runs the assessors budget, this is not within the scope of practice for the Selectboard. It is noted that meetings must be posted for the assessors, minutes must be recorded, and the assessors need to follow open meeting laws.

5. Discussion re: a contractor who worked on a house in town and was not paid is requesting Town Council to place a Mechanics Lien on the property. It is discussed that he must go to the Hampden county register of deeds to request this, Jane to notify the contractor.
6. Pomeroy Road home, the new owner tore down part of a building and is rebuilding without permits, the owner was notified to cease work by Jerry, the building inspector.
7. Trash piled up at the end of Pomeroy Road on trash days due to dogs and bears getting into the trash discussed. Will notify residents via letter that the trash that is gotten into/not picked up must be picked up or residents will be fined.
8. New desktop computer arrived last week, Jane confirmed.

7:50PM Closed Board of Selectmen meeting

7:50PM Open Board of Health meeting

I. Board of Health Business

1. 509 Main Road, perc test done today.
2. Don inquires about The Grill, and will it be able to open for inside business. If the owner would like to open at 25% capacity they can open. Discussion of hanging clear plastic in between tables to be compliant as well. Jacob will talk with Scott/owner.
3. Mike informs the Board that GRSD would like the town to notify the school when a town member is positive for COVID, this is not public information and would be a HIPPA violation, Mike contacted Westfield Board to see how they are dealing with these issues, will wait to hear back.

8:02PM Closed Board of Health meeting.

8:02PM Moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting. Unanimous vote.