

Town of Montgomery
Meeting of the Board of Selectmen/Board of Health
October 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

7:00PM Meeting called to order. Maggie took the minutes

I. Administrative Business

1. Review and approve minutes from September 17, 2020, all in favor.
2. Payroll and vendor warrants signed.
3. Review mail & emails
 - a. Gateway Regional School opening survey response emailed to Selectboard members, reviewed.
 - b. FY2021 MMHR dues, Jane looked at last year's expense account and the Town did not participate, no interest for this year.
 - c. Board of Health conference call for COVID-19, once a week, Selectboard is aware.
 - d. CARES act grant information reviewed.
 - e. Mass.gov ADA approval grant program closes oct 9. No ADA person in Town, Jacob will attempt to write a grant for an elevator/wheelchair lift for the Town Hall.

II. Selectmen New Business

1. Mark Chretien in attendance to discuss facility maintenance activities at the Town Hall. Town is looking for someone to do simple maintenance on an hourly rate such as shovel snow, maintain building, call appropriate people when things are broken, etc. Some discussion is had re: including cleaning 1x/week, it is decided to leave the current cleaning person in place and see how much work Mark has to do before merging the two jobs. Must let Mark know if events are going, helpful would be a schedule of events, go by school schedule (ie: if school is closed/delayed, the town is closed/delayed), contact person for Mark would be the Selectboard via email. The Church has its own maintenance person for cleaning and snow removal, the Board needs to review the church agreement. Donald Washburn makes a motion to accept Mark Cretien as the maintenance person. All in favor, unanimous vote.
2. Curtis Bush, Highway Superintendent in attendance to discuss Highway dept issues. Curtis made aware of resident complaints that lower Pomeroy rd has not been graded this year, Curtis was waiting for rain and materials/millings for grading, it will be done this fall. Tree removal: in process. Planning to close dirt roads by Dec 1 depending on the weather. Chapter 90 money came in, Main Road to be milled and paved next week. Unknown date for bridge on Carrington Road to be paved but aiming for a couple weeks,

bridge will be closed for approx 3 days. Line painting: called and will be set up when Palmer paving shows up to pave. Erosion areas in Town: discussed what the highway dept is doing to fix these areas, Mike suggests getting 6+ material then filling in with millings. Tree stump on Carrington Road, Curtis is aware of and it will be taken care of this fall. Curtis reports to the Board that he is having trouble getting in touch with F&N contractors for snow rakes, it was repriced on Aug 28th, will continue to attempt contact. Mowing is complete. Millings on Pitcher, not done, Curtis feels it will affect driveways because he prepped for black top, Mike suggests pulling out 3in of gravel and replacing it with millings. The turn around on Pitcher Street has been blocked by the resident owning the property, question whether it is a town right away or private property, Curtis concerned about plowing in winter and being able to turn around, more discussion and information on this is needed therefore Pitcher Street issues are tabled.

3. Tim Baker in attendance to discuss Assessors business. Mike Morrissey printed out info for new email address use, Jane to speak with Peter, the webmaster, it needs to be changed to .gov. Mike raises the question of salaries and asks how were they determined? Tim states before his time salaries were set, discussed how to go forward with setting salaries so that it can be recorded in the Town report and residents can vote on salaries. Tim to break down for the Board salaries for each assessor. Re-eval, Tim reports doing well and getting many re-evals done, Patriots software is getting easier to use. There is a vacancy on the Assessors Board which can be filled by appointment until election time and then it will need to be voted on. Tim discusses the future of the Assessors office, and needing a clerk once a week, needing a web page to be compliant with DOR, currently there is a hyperlink to Patriot pro for those looking for info on assessments, ie: realtors.
4. Litigation for 46 New State Road discussed, Jane forwarded the letter from Walls attorney to the Board members asking for the Judge to rule early on the animal issues, discussion had. Mike makes a motion to give direction to KP Law, Town Attorney, to oppose this motion, all in favor. Mike to reach out to Jonathan at KP Law.
5. Judy Murphy, Town Clerk, unable to attend, reviewed dog license issues, fees paid, license issued. Email issues from Judy, letter reviewed.
6. Recycling committee would like to be placed on the next meeting's agenda.
7. Jane reports the Town hall generator will be serviced next Tues or Thurs.

8:25PM Closed the Selectboard meeting.

8:26 PM Opened the Board of Health meeting.

III. Board of Health Business

1. Regarding 509 Main Road, a perc test was done but the Title V paperwork and engineered prints have not been paid for and Jacob is unable to get a hold of the contractor/owner, will continue to attempt contact.
2. Email re: MCL and public water supply reviewed, the only public water supply is at the Town Hall and a water sample is done every month.
3. Jane makes the Board aware she received communication from the resident who bought 1578 Russell road, a Title V inspection report was done March 2019 when the property

was purchased, he recently had someone clean the tank and a lot of sludge and waste was noted that wasn't reported on the Title V, reviewed. Jacob makes note that pumping is not a requirement on Title V.

4. Jacob makes the Board aware that Don Gogal called re: concern the run off of pig manure from the neighbors may be contaminating his well, discussed.
5. Jane makes the Board aware a neighbor to Lot #9 on Pine Ridge Road is concerned it is not a legal building lot and a perc test is being done. Owners have paid for a new perc to be done as they were not happy with the system requirements from the last perc results, discussed.

8:40PM Closed the Board of Health meeting.

8:40Pm Moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. Unanimous vote.