

Town of Fletcher – Select Board

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Monday, May 18, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Virtually Present

Members: Jon Bondy (Chair), Rich Bidwell, Matt Gillilan, Christine E. Nilsen, and Jesse Wiens

Guests: Gupwell (full name not provided), Pam Jedlicka, Rachael Scarpa (Secretary), Karrie Sweet (Town Clerk), Aimee Tinker (Assistant Town Clerk).

1) Call to Order

- a. Jon called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

2) Board Business:

- a. Jon, Jesse, and Rich reviewed and approved the orders.
- b. Tax: \$81,000 of town taxes not received. The Select Board discussed and agreed to offer a grace period (until 6/15/20) and waive penalties and interest for taxpayers who were unable to pay by 5/15/20. The Select Board will reevaluate at the next Select Board meeting.
- c. Reappraisal: Discussed creative ways to appraise a home without going inside. Jon suggested the idea of using Android devices to view video of the home without entering the home; this would also require purchasing a router that would plug into a car. Karrie will speak with Alex about timing regarding the idea.
- d. Green Up Day: Date: May 30th. Bags are available at the town office.
- e. Hardships due to COVID: Jon asked the Town Clerk to keep the Select Board informed if anyone in town needs assistance.
- f. Zoom Account: The Select Board discussed the logistics of switching to a town Zoom account for virtual Select Board meetings during COVID-19.

3) Broadband status report from Jesse:

- a. Northern Borders did receive Fletcher's grant application on time and Fletcher will not be penalized.
- b. Allison Crowley offered to help with the grant and gave the Select Board some pointers about what to include in the application. Jesse asked that Select Board members send him things that make Fletcher unique. It is also recommended that the Select Board include letters of support from residents in the application.
- c. Tim Nulty brought up the idea to use the equity from the grant monies to either lower wiring costs or lower monthly service costs. The Select Board discussed what would be most beneficial and fair for residents.
- d. Jesse is working on the Q&A document for the informational meeting. The Select Board discussed the contents of the Q&A to make sure it has accurate information applicable for all residents.
- e. The cost of the buildout increased to \$1,020,000 (\$510,000 from a revenue loan and \$510,000 from grants). The Select Board discussed if, with these changes, they were willing to move forward with bringing the broadband option to the town for a vote. The Select Board unanimously agreed to move forward. Jon asked Karrie and Aimee to review the documents. The Select Board agreed that if there are any typos or minor corrections in the document that they can be revised without re-approval from the Select Board.

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4) Facilities:

a. Lawn mowing bids:

- i. Brenda Trenholm: \$45/mow, trim and mulch, is insured
- ii. Derek Sloan: \$40/mow each week, \$50 for Spring and Fall cleanup, is insured
- iii. Poirier's Cleaning Service: \$65/mow, \$65/hr for Spring and Fall cleanup.

Karrie recommends Brenda due to trimming and mulch being included in the bid. Select Board discussed and agreed.

5) Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Select Board Meeting: June 1, 2020 at 7pm

Jon Bondy, Chair

Christine E. Nilsen

Rich Bidwell

Jesse Wiens

Matt Gillilan