

Town of Fletcher Select Board Meeting
Fletcher Town Offices
Select Board Meeting Minutes
11/15/2021

Select Board: Jon Bondy, Rich Bidwell, Bruce Douglas, Matt Gillilan, and Matt Swartz.

Attendees: Pam Jedlicka and Rachael Wilson (Secretary).

1. Call to order: 7:05pm
2. Tax Sale Notice:
3. Sue McGregor's drainage concern:
 - a. After viewing the site, it appears someone removed the pan from the culvert and silt will collect there overtime. Matt Gillilan mentioned that it is recommended that a culvert have a pan when there will be periods of time with no water. Matt Gillilan suggested that the Road Crew put crushed stone down on the outlet side of the culvert.
4. Cannabis sale discussion for Town Meeting:
 - a. Lars Baris suggested the town may want to hold a Town Meeting vote on allowing the sale of cannabis in Fletcher. The Select Board discussed that no one has approached them about interest in being allowed to sell cannabis, and if someone does, then they would discuss having a vote.
5. American Rescue Plan Act money:
 - a. The Select Board discussed waiting until guidelines are clear on how the money can be used before soliciting residents for ideas. Rich said he would like to see the ARPA money used in a way that it could lower taxes for residents. Bruce will let the Select Board know when there is more information available.
 - b. Pam Jedlicka mentioned that other towns, like Fairfax, Westford and Cambridge have all solicited ideas from residents. Pam said it might be a good way to get more residents engaged. Bruce will reach out to other Select Boards to see if they will share their suggestion lists.
6. Metcalf Pond:
 - a. At a previous meeting the Select Board agreed to put up wooden posts to block off the beach access area from vehicles. Jon asked if the Select Board thought there was a risk that someone would vandalize the posts so they could get a vehicle through. Matt Gillilan mentioned that the cost of the posts is minimal and would be affordable to replace. Additionally, if someone destroyed town property they would be liable for damages. The Select Board decided to proceed with the wooden posts.
 - b. There are no reports of water level changes.
7. Road Report:
 - a. Roads are muddy and the Road Crew has been doing a lot of work on the trucks.
 - i. The older tandem needs to go in for a significant frame repair, but Matt Gillilan is not sure if the parts are in yet.
 - ii. Matt Gillilan and Norman received two quotes for a new truck. A vendor they typically use said they cannot get a truck and did not provide a quote. Matt Gillilan reached out to another vendor for a third quote and should have a recommendation for the next Select Board meeting.

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- b. Broadband:
 - i. MCFiber has to pay their invoices within 30 days, but VEDA and Northern Borders recently encouraged Aimee to only send invoices once per month. Aimee is looking into this, because it could cause payment delays for MCFiber.
- c. Public Comment: None
- d. Budget:
 - i. Jon explained to the Select Board how the budget process works and asked that Select Board members begin reviewing the budget and mark sections they would like to discuss.
- e. Adjournment: 8:04pm

Jon Bondy, Chair

Matt Gillilan

Rich Bidwell

Matt Swartz

Bruce Douglas