

**Town of Fletcher Select Board Meeting
Fletcher Town Offices
Select Board Meeting Minutes
10/03/2022**

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

Attendees: Brenda Churchill, Glen Packard, Alex Sargent, Karrie Sweet, Aimee Tinker, Charles Tinker, and Rachael Wilson (Secretary).

1. Call to Order: 7:01pm

- a. Listers: The letter that was sent to the Select Board (discussed in the 9/19/2022 Select Board meeting) wasn't supposed to be sent to the Select Board. The Listers confirmed that the items in the email were addressed. When Jon met with the Listers and Benton everyone agreed that there should be an outside firm hired. NEMRC created a list of the Lister duties and Alex recommended which duties the Fletcher Listers should be responsible for and which duties that the outside company should be responsible for.

Matt Gillilan joined the meeting

The Select Board reviewed the list, line by line, to understand the workload for the Listers and the proposed workload for the outside company. Charles would like to add the issuance of new 911 addresses to the list for the Fletcher Listers. There were some items on the list that Alex and Charles were unsure about. Jon thinks that, based on this list, the Fletcher Listers are taking on more responsibilities than they should if an outside firm is hired. Jon was thinking that the inspections, permits and reevaluations would be passed onto an outside firm. Jon asked Alex and Charles why they would want to continue doing these. Alex said that the Listers know the area better than an outside firm would. Jon expressed concern that these items take the most amount of time. Matt Gillilan said that they want to make sure that the Listers have enough time each year to get everything done. Jon, Charles and Alex agreed to what would be best for the town: (1) an outside firm doing 90% of the Lister work with supervision from a town official. (2) Splitting up the work between a few Listers and an outside firm. The Listers mentioned that residents need a permit to make improvements on the inside of their house. The Select Board expressed concern that residents might not know when permits are needed. Jon and the Listers are going to meet with Courtney in two weeks. Jon asked that Alex and Charles put asterisks next to the items on the list that they don't fully understand. Jon also said that they will need to decide if items on the list need to be move to the outside firm's responsibility. Jon asked if the Select Board had any questions or if Alex and Charles had any questions. No one had any questions.

Alex and Charles left the meeting

Brenda left the meeting

Glen joined the meeting

The Select Board went into Executive Session

The Select Board left Executive Session – No action taken

Brenda joined the meeting

2. Roads:

- a. Welder: Glen thinks it would be beneficial if there was an upgrade to the welder. He said that it would make welding much easier.

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Aimee joined the meeting

The Road Crew picked up a new body for the 2007 truck because they don't know when the new truck would be available. Glen mentioned that this project would be much easier with an upgraded welder. Rich recommends getting pricing on a welder and then they can decide if they want to purchase. Jon asked if there were areas that would likely be underspent where the money could come from for a welder. Jon looked at the budget and the Select Board discussed that there is \$5,000 in building maintenance that could be reallocated for to upgrade the welder.

- b. Rich mentioned that he hasn't seen Glen in a grader yet. Matt did mention this to Norman. Glen said that he was in the grader for some time, but hasn't been in a couple of months. Rich would like to see Glen get some practice in the grader. Glen said he was catching onto it and would take any tips and advice from the guys who have been grading for a long time. Matt will follow up with Norman again.

Glen left the meeting

- c. Aimee heard back from John Wilkens about striping of Buck Hallow and it is a definite maybe.
- d. Aimee will have Working Dog pull the port-o-let at the end of October.
- e. Aimee received an Act 250 Questionnaire needs to be filled out. Aimee asked Bruce if he was familiar with the form and he said no. Aimee contacted the state for clarity but hasn't heard back yet. Aimee will keep contacting the state.

Aimee left the meeting

- f. Brenda said she was looking for something that the Road Crew in Fletcher and Bakersfield could pool their resources for. Brenda is located in Bakersfield and was also thinking that surrounding towns could use zoning cooperative: A Zoning Administrator who can fill in for multiple towns. Brenda also mentioned that she is running for a house seat.
- g. There has not been progress on getting the snow plowing objectives reviewed by the Road Crew.

3. Board Business:

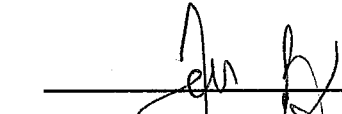
- a. Jon sent the Cambridge Rescue Squad (CRS) document to CRS and they were not happy with the document or that Jon sent it. CRS said they thought that Bruce was supposed to be the liaison between Fletcher and CRS. Bruce reached out to CRS, but didn't hear back. Jon said that he hopes that CRS can provide feedback on the document if there are things that are factually incorrect. Bruce will follow up with CRS again.
- b. Draft letter to Metcalf Pond residents: The Select Board agreed to send the final version of the letter.
- c. Budget Report: Jon sent out the drafted budget report, but the Select Board did not have a chance to read it. Jon asked the Select Board to review the budget report and the new budget that he sent on 9/21/2022.
- d. Lancaster taxes have been paid there is no longer an issue for the town.

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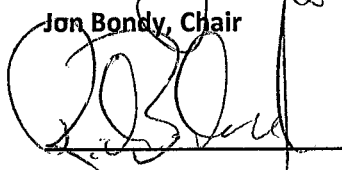
- e. Fairfax did the roadside mowing this year. Rich had a conversation with Tim awhile back regarding the job that was done. Matt Gillilan will speak with Tim.
- f. Bruce mentioned there is an Ash Tree grant from the state for the cutting and removal of the Ash Trees. Bruce will look into the grant. Jon mentioned that it would be helpful to have the trees numbered. Bruce mentioned that work would have to be done by the end of 2024 and that the application needs the size of each tree to be specified. Jon explained that the town needs to understand the best practice of when to cut down an Ash Tree.
- g. Brenda mentioned that Bakersfield shares the same mowing concerns and are looking at buying a big mower. Jon said that the Select Board is very interested on collaborating with nearby towns. Brenda said there are 3 foresters sitting on the Bakersfield Select Board including herself and she recommends cutting all the Ash trees down and not waiting.

*The Select Board went into executive session
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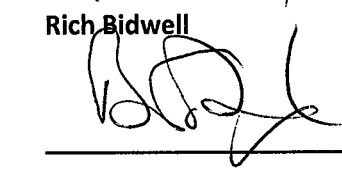
4. Adjournment: 9:20pm



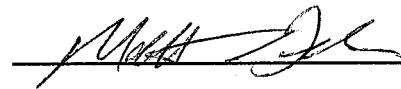
Jon Bondy, Chair



Rich Bidwell



Bruce Douglas



Matt Gillilan

Matt Swartz