

Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

Town Offices

Hybrid Session Via Zoom

5:30 pm

The open session of the Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on July 13, 2022, at 5:51 pm by the Chairperson, Joyce Palmer-Fortune via Zoom. Also present was Selectboard members Fred Baron via Zoom and Julie Waggoner. Present were Assistant Town Administrator Community Development Administrator Hannah Davis via Zoom, Administrative Assistant Amy Lavallee.

1.Meeting Minutes: Review and vote to approve the meeting minutes from June 22, 2022

Motion made to approve the Minutes from June 22, 2022 with correction of the name "Judy" changed to "Julie: in the first paragraph. Motion seconded. All in Favor. Roll Call Vote: Joyce-yes, Fred-yes, Julie-yes.

2. Vendor & Payroll Warrants: Review past vendor and payroll warrants

No comments.

3. Public Comment: Listen to comments from the public related to items not listed on the agenda

Fred discussed with the Board a request to send a small gift to the estate of Paul Fleuriel to recognize his passing.

The Board sends out a Thank You to the everyone for their participation and volunteerism concerning the Whately 250th Celebration.

4. COVID19

No comments.

5. Old Business:

a. Discuss potential steps for moving forward with the DeMaio property, with attention to wetlands

Fred discussed with the Board that he would like to start a discussion regarding the Dimaio property on State Road and exploring the possibility of using the location for a new Town Highway Garage, replacing the current location. He spoke with Keith Bardwell, Highway Superintendent, about the possibility and he is in agreement. Board agrees next steps would be speaking with the Conservation Commission regarding wetlands on the property to see if there is enough buildable/usable space. No action from the Board is required at this time.

6. New Business:

a. Discuss and vote to appoint Julia Mines to the Cultural Council

Joyce informed the Board that she met with resident Julia Mines who had expressed interest in joining the Cultural Council. Motion made to appoint Julia Mines to the Cultural Council. Motion seconded. All in Favor. Roll Call Vote: Joyce=yes, Fred=yes, Julie=yes.

b. Discuss and vote to submit a letter of support for the Whately Grange's grant application to the Mass State Grange Agriculture and Environment Committee

Hannah discussed with the Board the request from the Whately Grange a support letter for a grant application to donate \$2500 to Smith Vocational and Agricultural School that recently experienced a fire. Julie agrees to sign the letter that Hannah will draft. Motion made to submit letter of support from the Selectboard to the Whately Grange for use in the grant application specified. Motion seconded. All in Favor. Roll Call Vote: Joyce=yes, Fred=yes, Julie=yes.

c. Discuss and vote to submit an application to the Gap ID competitive grant program

Hannah discussed with the Board the application for the Gap III grant to cover costs for the Water Department Solar Project. The projected cost is approximately \$74k with the Town responsible for 10% and may include the recommended lighting and weatherization. Hannah will apply for \$68,822 for the grant. Motion made to submit application with the additions Hannah mentioned. Motion seconded. All in Favor. Roll Call Vote: Joyce=yes, Fred=yes, Julie=yes.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:09. Motion seconded. All in Favor. Roll Call Vote: Joyce=yes, Fred=yes, Julie=yes.

Next Meetings: 7 /27 /22, TBD

Documents

Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2022

Invoice Warrant Report, Warrant W23-02, July 4, 2022

Email from Ruth Fairman to Brian Domina, Amy Lavallee, RE: Whately Grange's application for grant moneys from State Grange Ag. Committee, July 7, 2022

Appendix A, Application and Funding Overview, July 22, 2022

Proposal, Valley Solar to Town of Whately Board of Water