

SelectBoard Dec 17 zoom meeting 4pm

Steve Hall, John Ogden, Michael Jeffrey, Andrea Ogden, Lori Langevin, Chrystal Cleary

Call to order 4:04 pm

Town Clerk Chrystal briefed the SB on Town Meeting options, expected legislature changes related to Town Meeting in light of COVID19 safe conduct. Town Meeting can be conducted as a floor vote IF the meeting place can safely contain the expected # of voters at once with 10" per person and good ventilation. This is not possible in our Town Hall, so the Plan B legally available is to hold an online Town Informational Hearing (set to take place 6pm on March 1st, when we were supposed to have Town Meeting) followed by Australian (preprinted paper) ballot voted during the election day the next day March 2. This is when we would be having the School district ballot voting anyway.

The SelectBoard voted to go to Australian ballot for the 2021 Town Meeting ONLY, and to set the date of the information Hearing for March 1st at 6pm - access info for the Hearing will be available in the Town Report, which is due out February 18th, 2021.

To get on the ballot, Elected officers MUST see/call/email the Town Clerk for a Consent Form to sign and return before January 25th!

The rest of the SelectBoard Meeting was in regards to the Budget for next year:

- The Cemetery Reserve Fund will see a reduction from \$13,500 to \$6500
- Town Hall Maintenance Reserve Fund has a balance of \$23,000
- Stipend policy was tabled until the next meeting
- The Process of requesting maintenance of the Veteran's Memorial needs to be formalized- does it come from Cemetery account, or Leurich Field maintenance account? Andrea will followup on that.
- Leurich Field Mowing has been separated from Town Hall Maintenance into its own item
- Listers added \$3000 funding for a Technology Consultant for NEMRC and a \$20/hr Lister Administrator to do regular computer entry
- Zoning and Planning, Auditor stipends were discussed but not agreed upon (Stipend policy as a while will be revisited next meeting)
- Budget surplus to be discussed at the next SB meeting.

Roads Budget- added \$12000 to purchase 2 radar speed signs and begin the work of replacing guardrails, which is expected to take several years to complete.

Michael will compose a ballot question regarding land purchase for the Town Road Maintenance Barn and Sand storage. This will also be reviewed at the next SB Meeting.