

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday April 26, 2023 – 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Roger Manzolini, Chair; (via Zoom) Neal Pilson; Alan Hanson; Danielle Fillio; Jay Phelps; Tom Grizey, Sewers; Dick Stover; Holly Stover

Roger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Review and Approval of Minutes was deferred.

CMRK, Inc., Clothing Recycling: Roger introduced Taylor Millspaugh to explain what her company does. Taylor explained that with the new legislation, no textiles can go into the waste stream, which is where CMRK comes in. They choose strategic locations to place clothing bins to collect unused clothing and the town receives payment of seven cents/pound collected. They also offer pickup within 24 hours of notice of dumping; free curbside pickup at your home via phone call, text or online notice and. They will also take books, pots, pans, frames, bicycles, musical instruments, Christmas lights, etc. as well as fabric items. Although they do not pay for those additional items, the more you divert out of your waste stream, the better the Town's quarterly report of diversions and the Annual Report to the Mass D.E.P. will look.

Items that are not accepted: wet, muddy, stained, excessively soiled, biohazards, bed pillows, mattress pads, etc. CMRK has 35 years of experience and a fleet of trucks running seven days a week.

CMRK will provide monthly marketing materials to help with diversity and inclusion that they hope the Town will disseminate to the residents to advise them of what is and is not appropriate to drop off.

Roger asked about ownership and liability of the bins. They are owned and maintained by CMRK and the Town has no liability in the case of damage to a bin. The company does, of course, ask that the Town partner with them in devising ways to avoid such damage. Removal of a bin requires just a written thirty-day notice. Roger's next concern was the effect of heavy traffic on dirt roads and he also said he was not a fan of the curbside pickup that CMRK offered. Peter Beckwith met with Taylor and chose two potentially good locations: The School and the Highway Garage area off Rte. 41 between the red garage and the community sand pile. Neal expressed his concern about locating a bin at the school and suggested a better place would be at Town Hall.

Holly Stover voiced her concern with having the bin at the school in terms of conflicting traffic. She was reminded that most people access such bins in the hours after school has let out, on weekends and holidays. In addition, the Town could post some time restrictions for their use.

Roger moved to develop a relationship with CMRK and sign a contract. He was seconded by Neal and the motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote: Pilson, aye; Manzolini, aye; Hanson, aye.

Designate Austin White to fill out EMS Service Zone Paperwork for State: Neal moved to designate Austin White to fill out EMS Service Zone Paperwork for the State. Roger seconded and the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote: Pilson, aye; Manzolini, aye; Hanson, aye.

TOWN CENTER DISCUSSION:

Invoices and Change Orders – None

Status – Roger announced a Walk-Through and Building Cte. Meeting on May 2nd. This event is not open to the public.

Discussion and Vote on Warrant and Explanations: Roger moved to approve the Warrant as presented. He was seconded by Al and the motion was adopted by unanimous roll-call vote: Pilson, aye; Manzolini, aye; Hanson, aye.

Roger moved to approve the Explanations as presented. He was seconded by Al and the motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote: Manzolini, aye; Hanson, aye; Hanson, aye.

Roger moved to close the Warrant for Publication: He was seconded by Neal and the motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote: Manzolini, aye; Hanson, aye; Pilson, aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Holly Stover thanked the Highway Dept. for putting down gravel last week. She noted, however, that a lot of gravel was getting onto people's lawns and on the shoulders of the road. That has extended the roadbed and should be pushed back onto the center of the road to reestablish the crown before any grading is done. She was advised that the equipment that does that has been broken and is out for repairs. Danielle advised that a drainage and road work project on East Road, will be dug up for a geogrid project and there will be a separate drainage project being done all through that area.

Dick Stover asked if Danielle has heard from the Building Inspector about 159 Willow Road. Danielle responded that they have been served with the necessary paperwork to be fined \$100/day. The owner has received the notice and the first \$100 fine, but he has not yet contacted the ZBA.

Dick then asked who is responsible for huge trees left alongside the roads after National Grid has taken them down. He was told that their practice is to leave the large pieces for a while so that people can harvest them for free firewood. They will eventually return to clean up what is left.

Danielle noted that EverSource and National Grid will be doing a lot of work on East Road installing new poles. She will make sure they understand that they are responsible for cleaning up their mess.

Jay Phelps reported that he has received some of the information he requested from Danielle but found no hydrant test results among it. Danielle explained that she gave the information that she was given per his request. He expressed concerns he had regarding the hydrants and the Fire Department as a whole. That prompted a suggestion that Fire Chief, Steve Traver, be asked to attend a future meeting with Jay in attendance to have discussions regarding the concerns. A meeting will be arranged after Town Meeting

Town Administrator Updates: Danielle reported that a drainage and Geogrid project would begin on East Road on May 1st. The road will be closed to through traffic from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (after buses go through the first time in the morning; reopening for the buses to go through a second time after school hours.)

Pete has already talked to the Fire Department, Ambulance Service and School buses as well as residents in the direct work zone who will be impacted by the work. Signs and notices will be going out to all residents before the end of this week so that everyone will know what's happening.

Bulky Waste Day will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. Signs will be posted soon and this year it will advise that there is now a \$55 fee for mattresses.

May 20, 2023, is Hazardous Waste Day in Lee. Sign up information is in the e-newsletter and on the Town Website. For more help registering call Tri-Town Health. You must have a specific time slot to take advantage of this opportunity.

Other Important Scheduled Meetings: May 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM – Baby Town Meeting

May 10, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Board of Selectmen Mtg.

May 17, 2023 – 7:30 PM – Town Meeting

May 20, 2023 – 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Elections

On May 1, 2023, the Town Hall hours will change as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday – 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday - CLOSED

Selectmen's Matters: Al raised his concern with the fact that EverSource is doing tree cutting along Summit Road, with no traffic detail, just below one of the hills, creating a potentially deadly situation. Neal noted the same thing on Lenox Road. Tom Grizey noted that he became aware of the situation and called the State Police, who had no idea any such thing was happening. Although there is no liability here for the Town it is imperative that this should not be happening, at least in the worst traffic spots in Town. There was a discussion on the subject

that resulted in Roger volunteering to call the Head of Maintenance at EverSource and talk to him about cleaning up the process.

Neal brought up the subject of Memorial Day, which is just a month away. He wanted to know if the school children would be available to march and/or play. Al is up this year to coordinate the event and he will get started setting things up.

Neal also spoke about putting the old Town Hall building on the market. Roger asked Danielle to research the legalities involved in a municipality disposing of a building. Danielle has already had preliminary conversations with Beth, Town Counsel, and has requested paperwork and instructions from her.

Roger noted that someone dumped a toilet at the end of West Road and expressed his frustration.. He asked if Danielle to request that Pete have it taken away.

There being no further business before the Board, Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05. He was seconded by Neal and the motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote: Manzolini, aye; Hanson, aye; Pilson, aye.

Signed:

Roger Manzolini, Chair