



Town of Antrim
Select Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2023
6:00 PM

Board Members Present: John Robertson, Chairman, Michael Ott, Selectman, Donna Hanson, Selectman (via Teams).

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russell McAllister.

Others Present: See Attached

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ott made the motion to approve the February 15th & 22nd meeting minutes. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mulhall Farm Road Report Review

Mr. Robertson explained that the Board had reviewed the engineering report from Peter Pitsas, from Underwood Engineers, and noted, that overall, with a few small exceptions, the road is in good shape. Road Agent Jim Plourde also submitted a brief report on his findings and was asked to summarize those findings. Mr. Plourde reiterated some of the Underwood findings in the report concerning siltation of a few drainage structures, the need to clear brush, roots, and weeds from the fire pond, and the mild cracking of the pavement along the centerline in a few areas of the road. Crack sealing will be a modest cost estimated by Mr. Plourde to be, at most \$4,000. Given that crack seal contractors charge approximately \$4,000 per day, it's possible that there is only half a day's work on Mulhall. The other half of the day will be spent on other Antrim roads. At a maximum the cost for crack sealing is \$4,000 based on a full day price. Board members voiced support for accepting the road given that the engineering report found no major issues and that crack sealing costs were minimal. It was also acknowledged that the subdivision had a long history of ownership since it's approval in the early 2000's and acceptance of the road has been a long and clouded issue. Residents expressed frustration at the lack of winter maintenance other roads received. Mr. Edwards made the point that the Board was simply looking after the interests of taxpayers. Several Mulhall residents explained that they, too, were taxpayers and that they had to plow their own road. More discussion ensued with the Board agreeing to hold a public hearing meeting after town meeting.

Henry Underwood – Antrim Traffic Study

Mr. Underwood from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, briefed the Board about the results of a recent traffic study and opportunities for submitting safety grants. The study included traffic counts and the percentage of vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit. The study concentrated on Main Street North of Post Road, North of Aiken Street, and North of Prospect Street. Data collection occurred between November 7 and November 14th. Total north and south bound traffic for each location ranged from 18,941 to 26,209. The percentage of cars exceeding the

posted speed limit fell between 22% (in town) and 92% south bound past Prospect Street. Given the baseline data, and Antrim's concern for pedestrian safety, the next step is to submit a road safety audit application with the DoT. After the road safety audit, the Town can apply for road safety grants. Discussion ensued about grant opportunities and assistance from SWRPC.

Gregg Lake Beach Park Contract

Mr. Ott provided a brief synopsis to the other Board members on the status of the Gregg Lake Beach Project explaining that the funding was in place and the Parks and Rec Commission had reviewed the project submissions and recommended that Michael Petrovick Architects be awarded the contract. Mr. Ott made the motion to award the contract to Michael Petrovick Architects. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. Ott made the motion to give signing authority to the TA. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Police Department – Additional Vehicle Request / Central Square Software Quote

Police Chief Brian Lord requested to purchase a used un-marked police vehicle from Hillsborough. It is a 2014 Dodge Charger and was the Hillsborough Chief's admin cruiser. Given that the department is 24/7 coverage having four vehicles in rotation will help when a vehicle undergoes regular scheduled maintenance and / or repair. The cost is between \$13k and \$14,500 and funding will come from the remainder of the insurance money used to replace the totaled 2022 Tahoe. The Board agreed with the idea. Mr. Ott made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2014 Dodge Charger for an amount not to exceed \$14,000. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Chief Lord spoke to the issue of upgrading the PD's software, acquisition of four laptops for the cruisers, and associated licensing fees. The new software automatically tracks call and response times and provides access to the Hillsborough SPOTS system allowing officers to get immediate access to outstanding warrants during traffic stops, or knowledge of fugitives in real time. Funding will come from capital reserve funding established for that purpose. Mr. Ott made the motion to approve the Central Square Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$17,000. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Ott – no meetings. Mr. Robertson attended a SEC hearing about the windfarm warning lights, but that it was rescheduled. Ms. Hanson – no meetings.

Town Administrator Update

- Town Hall Rental – Celebration of Life

The TA noted that a request to use the Town Hall for a celebration of life was scheduled and that there were no conflicts.

Other Business

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business Mr. Roberson made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Hanson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned approximately 1927.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Russell McAllister

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES FOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023**

PRINT NAME	REPRESENTING
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Brian Loed	Police
Ashley Destromp	resident/self
Brendon McKee	"
Bob Edwards	Resident
John Kinkas	Res.
MARKED. MURDOGH	RESIDENT/PLANNING BOARD
John Anderson	Plannin Board
Jim Plourde	HIGHWAY DEPT.
Pamela + Steve Smith	resident/
George O Davis	resident
Briana + Andrew Wells	resident
Matt McNulty	RESIDENT
Henry Underwood	SWRPC
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