Selectboard Meeting - October 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Call to order: 6:06 pm

Attendance: Joe Nolan, Linda Schmidt, Jessica Pendleton, Rob Viglas, John Phelps.
Also in attendance: Margaret Phelps, Tom Santelli, Jessica Lewis, GNAT-TV (via Zoom).
Minute taker: Jessica Lewis

Citizen Concerns
Tom Santelli says he will be repairing Pat Hall's window after it was accidentally broken by a rock that hit her window while the Town was mowing.

Water System for Town Hall
Joe spoke to John Bushee and he will be in touch about installing the water system

MERP Grant Update
The bill from Don Latif has come in via Tom Yandow, and will be paid in full. The bill from Farrington is also approved to be paid.

Town Hall work is complete.

Fall Green-Up Day
The first fall Green-Up Day went well. The turnout was lower than May as was expected, but still a good amount of trash was collected and a solid effort was made. Linda expresses gratitude for Jay and Skipper for disposing of the bags.

John asks about the "Sandgate has zero tolerance for littering" sign, and whether anyone has commented on it, or whether there's a better way to word it. He states he finds the wording somewhat offensive and possibly too aggressive. Linda says she will bring this up with Julie Robertson and they'll discuss it prior to the next Green-Up Day in May.

Short-term Rental Ordinance
Jessica P and Linda met to work on the rough draft of the in-progress STR ordinance. A copy is distributed that includes notes and questions to begin to work through as a Board.

Margaret asks if the current draft accomplishes the original purpose of being able to regulate or prevent new STRs being built. Some Board members state this isn't the only purpose of the ordinance, and John says he believed that was the original intention.

Tom states people should be allowed to have Airbnbs/short-term-rentals, but properties should not be overused for the sake of generating income, especially at the expense of their neighbors, and agrees that putting rules and regulations in place is necessary. Without this, there can be undue burden on year-round residents.

Jessica P suggests all the Board members take home the draft and read through what's there, take notes, and then make a plan to move through the draft a few sections at a time. For the next meeting, the Board will put the first sections on the agenda to discuss in detail.

Road Report
The Mack truck is now fixed. Jay will look into the power washer before the next meeting, and Beartown work is ongoing.

Treasurer's Report
John inquires if the Town Office employee raises have gone into effect. Jessica L states a breakdown of the percentage increase is included in the Treasurer's Report, and has gone into effect.

Linda asks Jessica L to reach out to Sullivan & Powers, the auditing firm who worked with us in May, and find out if they have an invoice for the Town. Jessica L will follow up on this.

John asks about the status of the copier. Jessica L says we called for service on the old copier before opting to get something in its place, but parts are no longer available and it cannot be serviced. Jessica contacted the company (Repeat Business Systems) to initiate the lease on a refurbished machine, and has requested the cost of the service call be waived.

Review of October 5 Minutes: Linda motions to approve, Rob seconds; all in favor.
Orders Signed: Linda motions to adjourn, Joe seconds; all in favor
Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 pm