

Town of Mount Holly
Special Select Board Meeting
September 23, 2021
Minutes

Present: Select Board: Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews

Town Officials: None in Attendance

Public: None in Attendance

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 5:25 p.m.
2. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda** – Jennifer Matthews asked to add updates on the audit and the Select Board request of the constable to issue a ticket to the owner of the Blue Spruce House. Mr. Turco asked to add an update on his conversation with the health officer regarding Blue Spruce House. It was agreed to add all after Agenda Item #5.
3. **Fuel Bids – Opening** – Four bids were received (see attached), of which one from Keyser Energy was declared invalid due to its erroneous submission. The other three bids from Champlain Valley Fuels, Cota & Cota, and Marcell Oil Company were compared and discussed. After much discussion, Jeff Chase made a motion for Champlain Valley Fuels to be the Town of Mount Holly’s diesel fuel and heating fuel supplier through June 30th, 2022 based on their low diesel fuel bid of 12 cents over rack price and their locked #2 heating fuel price of \$2.35/gal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.
4. **Mulcher Purchase** – Mr. Turco made a motion to purchase the mulcher from the Town of Pittsford for \$4,000 in order to facilitate roadside ditching and to meet the erosion control requirements of the Town of Mount Holly’s MRGP permit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.
5. **B. Faenza’s Resignation** – Mr. Chase made a motion to accept with regrets Brigid Faenza’s resignation as Select Board Administrative Assistant, seconded with regrets by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. The ad for a Select Board assistant will again be posted.

Updates: Ms. Matthews reported that the **audit** for FY 2019 is now complete with the one for FY 2020 to be complete shortly. The auditor inquired whether the Select Board would like to combine the two audit reports in one presentation or to present them separately. The Select Board discussed and decided on one presentation covering both fiscal years. Ms. Matthews also reported on the Select Board’s request of the Town Constable to issue the owner of the **Blue Spruce House** a municipal ticket for violation of the Town of Mount Holly’s Junk Ordinance. Constable Paul Faenza stated he could not do so as the owner did not live in town and his jurisdiction was only Mount Holly. Discussion ensued on other options for the ticket issuance with a decision to issue the ticket via certified mail. Mr. Turco reported on his discussion with health officer Tim Bickford. Mr. Bickford had previously inspected the Blue Spruce House property and found black mold and unlivable conditions, which he reported to the appropriate State agency. No action was taken by the State. The Select Board will follow up with a letter requesting action be taken by that State agency.

6. **Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed)** – Not needed this evening.
7. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews

Minutes Approved: 10.12.2021