

Select Board Sidelines

November 10, 2021

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We had a relatively short Select Board meeting on November 3. It wouldn't be a Select Board meeting without some controversy but the good news, the meeting didn't last that long.

For those that viewed the meeting on Town Hall Streams we apologize that our attempt to move the podium into camera view failed. Perhaps, at the next meeting, we will be able to move the podium so that all speakers can be seen as well as heard.

Green Space Committee: We welcomed Heather Jackson to the committee.

Thank you all for your willingness to be of service.

Please note, all are welcome to participate in committee meetings whether you are a voting member or not.

Committee for the Future of the Thompson Community Center (CFTCC): A follow up meeting between members of the CFTCC and the Board of Directors of the Thompson Community Center (TCCA) was scheduled for November 4. The results of that meeting have not been disclosed.

We were told that a tenant of the building took issue with how the Select Board handled a letter sent to us by the Director of the TCCA. We welcome the tenant and the director to attend our meeting and express their concerns directly.

Speeding: This is a pervasive issue that is a challenge to address productively. We hear from many constituents living in numerous locations about speeders. The Board is committed to continue to review this issue. It is expected that the signage issue will be a topic for consideration as part of the next budget review. In the interim, we are told that Public Works has three speed limit signs not in use. The Board has asked that they be installed in the proximity to Carroll Rd and Overlock Hill Rd. We are certain that this will not be the end of our conversations about signs and speeding.

Tax Bills: Did you know that the Town is not required to send out real estate tax bills? Whether you received a bill or not, to avoid interest, you are required to make your real estate tax payment by November 15.

The additional use of gender-neutral terminology was brought forward.

We hope you are all enjoying the lovely Fall weather (except for the 5 inches or rain the other day). The culvert and ditching work completed by our Publics Work crew made a significant difference with minimizing storm damage.