

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, January 26, 2016

Phil Lococo, Judy Feeley, and Dennis Mimitz were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of January 12, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

### Highland Ambulance Report

According to Mike Packard, Plainfield Representative to the Highland Ambulance Board of Directors, increases in the FY'17 assessment are due to an increase in salaries and building expenses. Highland plans to initiate a fund raising campaign in hopes of keeping future building project expenses down. Even though he is residing out of town for the next few months, Mike will still represent Plainfield on the Highland Board of Directors.

### Old Business

Chris Stockman, Polly Ryan, and Erik Burcroff approached the Board in regards to a safe drinking water by-law drafted by New York Attorney Christopher Sullivan. An informational meeting on the subject was discussed. It was noted the document should be reviewed by town counsel before being placed on a town meeting warrant. The Board referred the group to the Planning Board. It is unclear whether the proposed "local" by-law is intended as a town by-law or a zoning by-law. A question of parking at Highway Garage during Sunday demonstrations at the Waryjasz property was brought up. It was suggested the group speak with the Highway Superintendent concerning an out-of-the-way spot for two or three vehicles for those unable to walk longer distances. (The Board understands the Highway Superintendent's concerns of being able to access to town vehicles and equipment in the event of storms and emergencies.)

In response to questions about a town web site, the Board noted plans to move forward with the project.

The Highway Superintendent has documentation that town roads are at minimum two rods (33 feet) in width.

Judy agreed to write the 2015 Select Board report. FY'17 budget forms were filled out. Expense accounts were level funded; salary accounts were increased by 3% with no increase in the Select Board Salaries account.

### Appointment

Peg Keller expressed an interest in serving as HCOG Councilor. Phil entertained a motion to appoint Peg Keller as HCOG Councilor through June 30, 2016 to fill the vacancy created by Davio Danielson's resignation. The motion, moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved. The HCOG Councilor

position is elected and will be up for nominations at the Caucus in March and will appear on the election ballot in May.

#### License Renewal

Phil entertained a motion to renew the 2016 Class II license for Jamie Wooldridge d/b/a Central Farm and Garage. The motion, moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved.

#### Annual Town Meeting

The annual town meeting will take place on May 7, 2016. April 5, 2016 was selected as the final date to submit articles for the annual town meeting warrant. The warrant will be prepared for signing and posted on April 19, 2016.

#### Correspondence

MBI has extended the period for comments on the RFP for Design and Engineering Support Services for the Last Mile Broadband Network until 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2016.

A copy of the Town of Washington Select Board's letter to Sen. Downing concerning MBI's actions and lack of communications was received.

Information of HCOG's IT Program was received. A representative from HCOG or Pegasus will be asked to attend a Select Board meeting.

The Board received an e-mail in praise of Highland Ambulance's service.

Copies of draft minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> were received from the MTRSD School Committee.

Miscellaneous mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary