

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, March 8, 2016

Phil Lococo, Judy Feeley, and Dennis Mimitz were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of February 23, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

Plainfield Website

Mik Muller, Montague WebWorks, met with the Board to discuss a Plainfield website. Dennis and Theresa Thatcher were also in attendance. The company has recently designed websites for Greenfield and Leyden. Mr. Muller's proposal for Plainfield is \$1,140.00 for setup and \$30.00 per month for hosting. The proposal includes creation and content, navigation, uploading images and posting calendar items, adjustments, and on-site training for staff. It was noted that no more than 4-5 officials should have access to the site. \$1,000.00 was included in the Town Office Expense Budget for website development. Phil entertained a motion to proceed with Montague WebWorks and to sign the agreement provided. The motion, moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved. The agreement was signed.

Planning Board

Two proposed By-Right Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar By-Laws developed by the Energy Committee and Planning Board were submitted to the Select Board. Both options are being offered with varied opinions. Judy mentioned there is too much to digest at this meeting and that Plainfield has a good Zoning By-law and Special Permit process. Phil entertained a motion to send the proposed by-laws back to the Planning Board to initiate the advertising and Public Hearing process. The motion was moved by Judy, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously approved.

WiredWest/MBI Update

Phil Lococo recused himself and left the room for the WiredWest/MBI update. An update on the WiredWest/MBI situation was provided by Kimberly Longey. She noted both entities are negotiating to work out differences. Elizabeth Copeland has been appointed Interim Director of MBI subsequent to Eric Nakajima's resignation. Issues of concern are ownership of the network, changes in policy in regard to funding, and the Governor's administration's efforts to understand the project while protecting the state's investment. While not opposed to examining the direction which other towns are investigating, Kimberly stated that eighteen rural towns would be best served by a regional solution in order to provide sustainability and pooled risk.

Phil Lococo returned to his seat on the Board.

Board of Health

The Board of Health has read the section of the Comprehensive By-law for Large Scale Industrial and Commercial Projects pertaining to drinking water. Gale Bulissa, representing the Board of Health, stated her Board is fine with the text. The By-law will appear on a Special Town Meeting warrant in the next few months.

Other Business

The Energy Committee presented a revised copy of the proposed Stretch Code By-law. The Board agreed to include the proposed by-law on a Special Town Meeting warrant with other local by-law additions/amendments.

An article will be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant authorizing the Select Board to accept and expend state, federal, or other program grants.

Phil entertained a motion to sign a determination form authorizing Kopelman and Paige “to provide advice relative to a certain amendment to the MTRSD Agreement” per request from the Town of Buckland. The motion, moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved.

The contractor signatory form for the 2015 EMPG was signed.

An agreement to add the (413) 634-5702 Verizon account to the state contract was signed by Judy Feeley, Clerk.

The Board received a copy of the Historical Commission’s design for Historical District signs.

The FY’17 HCOG assessment of \$402.28 was received.

Estimated revenue from the Northeast Energy Direct Project pipeline, if approved, was received.

E-mailed documents were received from FERC and Charles Sullivan’s response concerning the Large Scale Industrial and Commercial By-law passed by the Town of Conway.

Appointments/Resignations

Phil entertained a motion to appoint Peg Keller as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals through June 30, 2017. The motion, moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis, was approved.

The Board accepted Ann Irvine’s resignation from the Planning Board with regret.

Phil entertained a motion to appoint Ann Irvine as Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate through June 30, 2016. The motion was moved by Judy, seconded by Dennis, and was unanimously approved.

Phil entertained a motion to appoint Peter Lapointe to the Planning Board through

June 30, 2016. The motion, moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved.

Phil entertained a motion to appoint Leslie Rule to the MTRSD ad hoc Strategic Plan Steering Committee. The motion was moved by Judy, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously approved.

Phil entertained a motion to appoint Casey Dwyer as Inspector of Animals from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016 pending his acceptance. The motion was moved by Judy, seconded by Dennis, and was unanimously approved.

Correspondence

An application for a ZBA Special Permit to operate a residential treatment center by Freedom Healthcare of America was received.

A copy of a letter from the Buckland Select Board's request for the costs of pre-school for Buckland students was received.

The Board received notice of the FEMA and DCR 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

Draft minutes of the MTRSD School Committee meeting of February 17, 2016 were received.

Miscellaneous mail and meeting notices were read.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary