

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, May 10, 2016

Dennis Mimitz and Howard Bronstein were present; Phil Lococo was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Howard was elected temporary chair for the meeting. The minutes of April 26, 2016 were accepted as amended.

In response to the Board's inquiry, Kopelman and Paige Attorney John Goldrosen determined Howard Bronstein's term begins following the May 7, 2016 election.

### 7:10 p.m. Bid Opening

Two sealed bids were received for the surplus dump trucks. Ronald Paquette submitted a bid of \$501.00 for truck #1. Ed Morann bid \$552.00 for truck #1, \$281.00 for truck #2, \$310.00 for truck #3, and \$151.00 for truck #4. Howard moved to accept Ed Morann's bids on the 4 surplus dump trucks. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved.

### Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. informed the Board that a department employee crushed his hand in the tail gate of a dump truck on April 25, 2016 and is currently out on workers' compensation.

The dump truck approved at town meeting may be purchased under state contract without advertising or may be advertised in the Central Register. Several makes are being considered and not all are included in the state contract. A stainless steel dump body is one of Mert's requirements.

The Winter Roads account is overdrawn by \$9,594.32. Howard moved to transfer \$9,594.32 from Highway Salaries to Winter Roads pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 33B. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. The transfer must also be approved by the Finance Committee.

### HCOG Councilor

HCOG Councilor Peg Keller approached the Board in regard to the Town's utilization of the Council's programs. Plainfield uses Hampshire Purchasing for winter sand, salt, gravel, bituminous concrete, and other materials. The Town is a member of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust for employee health

insurance and is seeking information in regard to the Hampshire IT Program. HCOG is currently launching a new program to assist member towns with website development.

#### Other Business

The Morann family has donated 20 flags to be displayed on Main Street. They will be put up a week before Memorial Day.

Howard moved to sign the Northampton Cycle Club race authorization for the 2016 Tour of the Hilltowns scheduled for July 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Dennis and was approved. A check for police detail has been received.

Howard moved to pay the \$500.00 invoice from Gail Fusco for the layout, design, and production of the 2015 Annual Report. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved.

Howard moved to pay Kopelman and Paige invoice #107877 in the amount of \$52.50. The motion was seconded by Dennis and was approved.

A copy of Plainfield's Use of Recycled Products will be distributed.

#### Correspondence

WiredWest notified the Board of an online petition asking people to show their support for a regional fiber optic network.

The Board received a copy of Colrain Select Board Chair Eileen Sauvagneau's letter to Gov. Baker stating Colrain's willingness to work with MBI for the "last mile" fiber optic build-out, asking that MBI begin pole surveying immediately, and that WiredWest does not speak for Colrain and is not authorized to negotiate on Colrain's behalf.

The Board received notice from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance that the requirement for municipal health insurance reporting has been eliminated.

A copy of the Plainfield's MIIA Rewards Status Report was received.

Draft minutes of the MTRSD School Committee Meeting of April 13, 2016 were received.

Miscellaneous mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary