

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, July 12, 2016

Phil Lococo and Howard Bronstein were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes of June 28, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

Highland Ambulance EMS

Don Boisvert, President of Highland Ambulance EMS, met with the Board concerning the need for a Plainfield representative on the Highland Ambulance Board of Directors. Don noted "a willingness to serve on one or more subcommittees" as a prerequisite. The position will be publicized in the Plainfield Post.

An open house and dedication of the new Highland Ambulance facility located at 12 Williams Drive, Goshen will take place July 17th from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

A copy of the June Highland 'run report' was received.

7:30 p.m. Dump Truck Bid Opening/Highway Department

One bid for the fully outfitted dump truck approved at the May 7th Annual Town Meeting was received from Patriot Freightliner-Western Star. After reviewing the bid with Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. and department employees Phil moved to accept the bid totaling \$215,510.00 from Patriot Freightliner-Western Star. The motion, seconded by Howard, was unanimously approved. A letter of acceptance will be sent to Jason Page at Patriot Freightliner-Western Star.

Mert, Jr. reported the Salt Shed roof will be repaired and an alarm system at the Highway Garage will be installed under the direction of the Buildings Committee.

Plainfield Pond

Concerns and questions about boats and dogs on the beach and in the swimming area at Plainfield Pond were brought to the attention of the Board by Cathy Shugg. Boaters and dog owners are ignoring the sign indicating the area where boats and dogs are welcome. Phil suggested calling the police department. He also stated he would respond to a call when he was available.

Other New Business

Howard attended the KP Law workshop. One notable topic of discussion concerned the new public records law effective January 1, 2017. Copies of the KP

Law eUpdate entitled “The New Public Records Law” were distributed to the Board.

Action on the request for the FY’17 FRTA representative was tabled until the next meeting.

Phil moved to pay the FY’17 MMA dues of \$448.00. The motion, seconded by Howard, was unanimously approved.

HCOG has renewed the gasoline contract with Dennis K. Burke, Inc.

Appointments

Phil moved to appoint Laurie Israel to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by Dudley Williams’ resignation effective July 14, 2016. The motion was seconded by Howard and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Website Guidelines will be discussed at the next meeting. Dennis and Theresa Thatcher, Brian Hawthorne, and Ruth Osgood will be asked to attend.

KP Law draft policies for the use of computers, electronic communications, and social media were distributed to the Board.

Howard’s research on the Community Compact Program found the program was for FY’16 only. It is not known whether the program will be available for FY’17. A Tax Title Auction for the 347 Main and West Street properties was discussed. Attorney Ron Berenson will be asked if the former Jackson property on Main Street can be included.

Correspondence

A copy of the MTRSD School Committee draft minutes of June 8, 2016 was received.

MMA sent notice of the scaled back FY’17 state budget proposal.

A follow-up letter was received from Caitlin Marquis, Healthy Hampshire, with additional information on the Complete Streets Program.

Additional mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary