

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, August 9, 2016

Phillip Lococo, Howard Bronstein, and Leslie Rule were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of July 26, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

Organization of the Select Board

Phil moved to appoint Howard Bronstein as chair of the Select Board. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved. Phil moved to appoint Leslie Rule as clerk of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by Howard and was unanimously approved. Howard moved to appoint Phillip Lococo as Procurement Officer. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

Phil cited the statutory authority of a Municipal Light Plant manager and strongly suggested the MLP manager remain a member of the Select Board. Phil nominated Leslie Rule as MLP manager for FY'17. The motion, seconded by Howard, was unanimously approved.

Phil moved to appoint Howard FRTA representative. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

FY'17 Appointments

The following FY'17 appointments were approved: Leslie Rule, WiredWest Delegate and Kimberly Longey, Alternate WiredWest Delegate through June 30, 2017; Dudley Williams, ZBA through June 30, 2019 (resignation effective as of July 13, 2016, vacancy filled by Laurie Israel).

Don Hall will be asked if he would consider the position of IT Director.

Old Business

A June 22, 2016 letter to Hilltop owner Mark Fortier states that MassDEP has inactivated the Hilltop water system due to the business being closed. Written notification must be received from MassDEP prior to re-opening to the public. Mark will be notified that the Board cannot sign the Special Event Application for September 25, 2016 until MassDEP issues written approval of the Hilltop water system.

Checklists regarding the New Public Records Law were distributed.

Information was provided on the matter of establishing a "Preferred Vocational

School(s) Policy”.

New Business

Howard has been contacted by the Town of Ashfield concerning interest in a shared police chief. Plainfield’s budget would not sustain a shared police chief at this time.

Discussion of All Boards Meetings will be placed on the next agenda.

Leslie noted the Energy Committee is still seeking the rebates promised to Plainfield, Ashfield, and Buckland from Direct Energy Solar. Howard has contacted Direct Energy Solar on behalf of the town concerning the rebates and customer complaints.

Phil moved to sign the MassDEP Certification to Operate a Transfer Station. The motion, seconded by Howard, was unanimously approved. The document was signed.

The advertisement for the generator to be installed at the Public Safety Building will be published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on August 13, 2016.

Correspondence

A thank you letter for supporting the 2016 Tour of the Hilltowns was received from the Northampton Cycling Club.

Information for the MIIA Grant Program was received.

Plainfield’s FY’17 Cherry Sheet revenue and assessment is estimated at \$119,330 and \$264, respectively.

At 8:03 p.m. Phil recused himself and left the meeting prior to the following discussion.

Broadband Progress

The Mass Broadband Institute is working with the Broadband Committee on Plainfield’s Last Mile Readiness application. State funds are to be used for design and engineering. Costs related to application and pole licensing fees, bond counsel, etc. were discussed. These costs may be met by the issuance of one-year notes. Leslie and Howard will seek funding options.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary