

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, August 23, 2016

Howard Bronstein, Phillip Lococo, and Leslie Rule were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of August 9, 2016 were accepted as amended.

### Special Town Meeting Warrant

Phil moved to sign the Special Town Meeting warrant for September 13, 2016 as submitted. The motion, seconded by Howard, was unanimously approved. The warrant was signed and given to Constable Ed Morann for posting. Articles include proposed by-law changes for the Stretch Code, meeting posting, and authorization to allow the Town Clerk to re-number and correct typographical errors in the By-Laws of the Town of Plainfield. (The By-Laws of the Town of Plainfield are in need of review and updating.)

### Town Website

Dennis and Theresa Thatcher, Brian Hawthorne, and Paula King were present for discussion of the town website, plainfield-ma.us. Dennis noted the Blackboard Connect system is now available. Residents can now access Blackboard to enter cell phone numbers and e-mails and will shortly be able to sign up to receive messages from the boards and committees of their choice; Everyone will receive emergency messages. Boards and committees will soon be able to submit minutes for posting to an e-mail address on the website. The website and calendar is for town business only. Ruth Osgood would like to add a form for licensing dogs. Leslie suggested a second phase to consider the addition of other local information. Phil moved to accept the draft for Plainfield Website Guidelines and to appoint Dennis Thatcher, Theresa Thatcher, Brian Hawthorne, Ruth Osgood, and Paula King as website administrators. The motion was seconded by Howard and unanimously approved.

### Gloyd and Pleasant Street Traffic Concerns

Several residents approached the Board with concerns about the nature and speed of traffic on Gloyd and Pleasant streets. Traffic on those streets has increased and additional traffic is anticipated with the opening of the Swift River treatment facility. Residents would like to see a posted speed of 35 mph, children signs, and

a stop sign at the Gloyd and Pleasant Street intersection. During discussion of the matter it was noted the roads are public ways. Howard will discuss the matter with the Highway Superintendent and will look into the measures the town can take. Jack Nelson is the contact person for the residents.

#### Energy Committee

The Energy Committee asked the Board to address several requirements for the Green Communities application. Phil moved to appoint Conrad Liebenow as the point of contact with the DOER. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved. Paula will contact KP-Law for the purpose of obtaining a letter from counsel stating there is nothing in the town's by-laws that will preclude expedited permitting. After discussion of a fuel efficient vehicle policy, Phil moved to accept the draft of the policy used by the Town of Pelham. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved. Phil moved to add the words "as needed" to the document as the town's vehicle replacement policy. Leslie seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. There was discussion pertaining to the surplus vehicle programs that save the town money.

#### All Boards Meeting

An All Boards Meeting will be posted for October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The main topic will be a discussion on broadband information and proceedings. The Select Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Appointment

Phil moved to appoint Don Hall as IT Director through June 30, 2017. The motion, seconded by Howard, was unanimously approved.

#### Other Business

The Vocational Education Advisory Committee has opted to combine the two Smith Vocational bus routes as there are only six students from the four towns this fall; There is room for a Buckland student who will be picked up in Ashfield. The route will be long, but will save the towns the cost of a second van. Phil moved to select Smith Vocational as Plainfield's "preferred vocational school". The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved. The MTRSD School Committee will ratify the Board's vote upon receipt of the Select Board minutes. Superintendent Buoniconti will then be able to inform applicants of the town's choice of vocational schools.

Letters to owners of unlicensed dogs were signed by the Board and will be mailed by the Town Clerk.

Additional information concerning the new public records law was distributed. Phil

moved to appoint Howard Bronstein and Paula King as Records Access Officers. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

A letter from John Sullivan has been received re-activating the water system at the Hilltop. The Special Event application will be submitted to the police and fire for signing.

Howard is looking into procedures for the Broadband application.(There was no discussion or decisions on the topic.)

#### Correspondence

KP-Law issued eUpdates entitled “New Law Requires Equal Pay for Comparable Work” and “State Regulation of APP-Based Transportation Companies”.

The Board received acknowledgment of the FY’17 appointment from Lauren Goldberg at KP-Law.

Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary