

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, October 11, 2016

Howard Bronstein, Phil Lococo, and Leslie Rule were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of September 27, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

### Animal Control Officer/Inspector of Animals

Casey Dwyer referenced a call from MDAR checking on the 2015 barn book; He apologized for not submitting it and is in the process of completing the 2016 book per his agreement with MDAR. Casey did note the job is extensive.

Casey mentioned the need for a vehicle for the Animal Control Officer and would like to be a part of the acquisition process through the surplus vehicle program with Mert Taylor, Jr. and/or Dennis Thatcher. (The 1988 Dodge pick-up and the 1998 Crown Victoria are in bad shape and not worth extensive repairs.)

Warren Kirkpatrick is the certified Animal Control Officer (ACO), under whom Casey serves. The ten week Certification Program classes are held in the Boston area and are too far away for someone with a full time job to attend.

### ZBA

Ann Irvine, representing the ZBA, spoke to the Board's request to use the PVPC Technical Assistance grant in their quest to research materials and clear information regarding applications for variances and special permits. The current application is the same for either plan. Leslie moved to approve the ZBA request to utilize the PVPC Technical Assistance Grant. The motion, seconded by Phil, was unanimously approved.

### Special Election

Phil moved to hold a Special Election on January 7, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Select Board member for the balance of the term ending June 30, 2019. Leslie seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. The Town Clerk will be notified pursuant to M.G.L. provisions. An Election Warrant will be prepared for signature at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Caucus Chair Ann Irvine will post a caucus for the nomination of candidates for November 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

### Other Business

Phil suggested a 15 mph speed limit sign on Prospect Street in the area of the Shearer home and a hidden drive sign in the vicinity of 278 Prospect Street.

Howard agreed to discuss the matter with the Highway Superintendent.

The Board signed a thank you card to the COA for the new chairs in the Town Hall dining room.

Phil moved to pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter HCOG 2017 assessment of \$100.57. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

Howard will seek an answer to the question of the benefit of Plainfield's participation in the Franklin Regional Transit Authority.

Howard also plans to ask for information on USDA's rehab loan program.

### Appointments/Resignations

Leslie moved to appoint Judy Williams to the Energy Committee through June 30, 2017. The motion, seconded by Phil, was unanimously approved.

Phil moved to accept Howard Bronstein's resignation from the Broadband Committee with deep regret. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

### Class II License Renewal

Phil moved to renew the 2016 and 2017 Class II Used Car Licenses for James Pugliese d/b/a Orchard View Farm. The motion was seconded by Howard and was unanimously approved.

### Correspondence

The Board received and read a letter from Josh Shearer concerning the position of IT Director.

The Board received a letter from Greg Prentice concerning the status of his dogs. HCOG will host sessions on the new Public Records Law on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The presentations will be given by KP Law attorneys. Leslie will plan to attend.

An educational seminar on procedures for by-law adoption, review, and submission to the Attorney General will take place on October 18, 2016 at the Blanford Town Hall.

MTRSD School Committee minutes for September 14<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> were received.

Phil left the meeting at 8:10 p.m. prior to broadband discussion.

MBI/Mass Tech has revised the "last mile policy".

Axia Communications has scheduled presentations on building a privately-funded fiber-to-the-home broadband network on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3-5 p.m. at Berkshire East and at 7-9 p.m. in Blanford. Howard plans to attend the Berkshire East meeting.

WiredWest will host a fiber-to-the-home workshop in Worthington on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Leslie will attend.

Howard moved to support the Broadband committee's recommendation "to support the Finance Committee's resolution for a split between taxpayers and subscribers, with taxpayers covering capital – which includes depreciation and interest—and subscribers covering all other costs. The split is estimated to be approximately 55%-45%." The motion, seconded by Leslie, was approved by the two members present.

Howard moved to support the Broadband Committee's recommendation "to move forward with the green light letter from bond counsel, to be paid from contingency funds if possible, and that we submit the final readiness package to MBI." The motion, seconded by Leslie, was approved by the two members present.

Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary