

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, January 10, 2017

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

Snow Plowing Concerns

Claude DuPont approached the Board with concerns about the speeds at which the Highway Department trucks are being driven while plowing snow. He cited an incident following a recent storm that while clearing snow from the end of his own driveway, the driver of a town-owned truck did not slow upon approach, showering snow on both Claude and his tractor. Claude stated the potential danger of a child being near the end of a driveway as a snowplow passes. He feels the drivers should slow down when approaching driveways while understanding the need for snow removal from the roadways. Claude said he left a message on the Highway Department answering machine, but did not receive a response. Howard agreed to discuss the matter with the Highway Department. Howard also noted the Board cannot address complaints unless they are made aware of them.

Resignations

The Board accepted Ed Morann's resignation from the Planning Board effective January 12, 2017 with deep regret and appreciation.

Winton Pitcoff's resignation from the Finance Committee effective immediately was accepted following his election to the Select Board.

Both vacancies will be advertised in the Plainfield Post.

Other Business

Per request of HCDC, the chair signed a letter documenting the Town's available funds for the Revolving Septic Repair Program.

Howard entertained a motion to pay KP Law invoice #110417 in the amount of \$118.03. The motion, moved by Winton and seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

Leslie moved to pay the HCOG quarterly assessment of \$100.57. The motion, seconded by Winton, was unanimously approved.

The Board discussed plans to reach out to Boards and Committees in regard to

posting minutes to the website and the new Public Records Law. Howard will contact Brian Hawthorne about the progress of website readiness.

Following up on the Highway Dept./Transfer Station gate, Howard reported Mert is aware of the need to lock the gate and will look for a container for sand outside the gate for public use.

The Department of Revenue has certified Plainfield's "free cash" at \$344,991.00 as of July 1, 2016. The funds are available for appropriation through June 30, 2017. The FY'2016 Schedule A has also been submitted and approved. The 2nd installment of the FY'17 vocational transportation bill was received. FY'17 tuition for Smith Vocational is 17,000 per student, McCann and Franklin Tech. is 16,464.00.

The Board received and plans to discuss the FY'18 Budget Forms at the February 14th meeting. Howard agreed to write the Select Board's annual report. The Training/Seminars Account was discussed.

According to Ann Irvine HCDC may be interested in looking at the 345/347 Main Street property.

Ann also asked the Board about future plans; Leslie noted plans to discuss the Board's strategies and goals on a regular basis.

The following clarification concerning the proposed Swift River Landscape Partnership Project will be added to the Select Board Minutes of November 22, 2016: The proposed Swift River Landscape Partnership Project is to be funded by the Department of Fish & Game (50%), Grant Funds (50%), and a nominal amount from the Franklin Land Trust (FLT).

Correspondence

Plainfield's "Readiness Application" for the "last mile" of fiber to the home has been approved. The Division of Local Services subsequently approved section three of the application as required.

The Division of Local Services (DLS) has issued "Notice for Final Comments on Verizon New England Inc. Potential Central Valuation Settlement FY2010-FY2022". Paula will consult with Assessor's Assistant Cathy Hall on the matter.

MMA has issued information and invitations to the Annual Trade Show in

Boston. Members of the Board are unable to attend.

Up-dated information for the District Local Technical Assistance Grant was received from PVPC.

A copy of the HCOG meeting schedule was received.

The Board received notice of Conway's 250th celebration with a parade at 1:00 p.m. on June 18, 2017, rain or shine. Fireworks are scheduled for June 16th at 9:30 p.m., rain date June 17th. Malcolm Corse, mjcorse@comcast.net, is the contact person for the parade.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary