

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, January 12, 2016

Judy Feeley and Dennis Mimitz were present; Phil Lococo was absent. Judy Feeley acted as temporary chair. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of December 8, 2015 were accepted as submitted.

Highway Department

A certified letter from the Select Board chair concerning placement of posts within the boundaries of town roads was accepted by the recipient while the certified packet from the Highway Superintendent was refused. The width of town roads was discussed.

Highway Superintendent Merton Taylor, Jr. has consulted with Police Chief Stacey Hudson concerning parking on Stetson Avenue and River Road leaving no room for the passage of emergency vehicles and highway equipment. No parking signs have been ordered. Brian Hawthorne offered to check with the DCR about clearing a parking area for access to Crooked Pond off Stetson Avenue.

Mert also noted the need for roof repairs and the need for a fire alarm system at the Highway Garage. The Buildings Committee will be apprised of these matters. The fire box in the oil furnace also needs to be replaced. Even though the wood furnace is being used the oil furnace needs to be functional for back-up.

WiredWest/MBI Resignations/Appointments and Update

Judy moved to accept Brian Hawthorne's resignation as delegate to WiredWest with appreciation and regret. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Judy moved to accept Leslie Rule's resignation as alternate delegate to WiredWest with appreciation and regret. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Judy moved to appoint Leslie Rule as delegate to WiredWest through June 30, 2016. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Judy moved to appoint Kimberly Longey as alternate delegate to WiredWest through June 30, 2016. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Brian Hawthorne will continue as MBI representative.

Brian Hawthorne is willing to serve as manager of Plainfield's MLP, a position currently held by Judy Feeley. A meeting of the MLP Board will be posted for 6:45 p.m. on January 26, 2016 to discuss the matter.

Subsequent to the December 14, 2015 meeting both MBI and WiredWest have created ten member "negotiating teams" to identify and solve MBI and WiredWest differences. The teams have been meeting to address governance and ownership, technology, business and finance, and other concerns. (Details attached.)

Judy moved to sign a letter to Eric Nakajima, MBI Director, in response to MBI's Draft RFP for Design and Consulting Support Services. The motion, seconded by

Dennis, was approved after discussion and changes to the document. Judy moved to sign a letter of intent to move forward as part of the MBI regional network build-out addressed to MBI Director Eric Nakajima in accordance with MBI's Last Mile Policy of July 30, 2015. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved.

Old Business

The Select Board filed a Motion to Intervene on the Northeast Energy Direct Project on December 22, 2015; The Conservation Commission's motion was filed on January 5, 2016. The FERC deadline for filing has been extended to January 15, 2016.

The Board received a draft of a blasting By-law written by New York Attorney Charles Sullivan. Dennis Mimitz attended an informational meeting in Windsor on January 10, 2016 on the potential by-law. The issue will be discussed at the next Select Board meeting.

On December 21, 2015, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company filed an updated landowner list pursuant to 18 C.F.R. sec. 157.6(d)(5)(2015). The filing included updated addresses for mailings returned to Tennessee Gas as undeliverable.

New Business

Brian Hawthorne approached the Board seeking approval of a subordination agreement of the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program Mortgage held by the town. Judy moved to subordinate the aforementioned mortgage held by the Town of Plainfield on the property located at 41-43 Old South Street. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. The document was signed and witnessed in the presence of Notary Public Ruth Osgood.

The FY'16 tax rate of \$18.86 was approved on December 9, 2015. Free cash as of July 1, 2015 was certified at \$253,906.00 on December 9, 2015.

Information on the FY'17 MTRSD operating and capital budgets was received. Action on the Annual Report of the Select Board and the FY'17 Budget forms was tabled until the next meeting.

Judy moved to sign documents for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant application. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Judy Feeley signed the documents acting as chair.

Judy moved to pay the quarterly HCOG assessment of \$100.57. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved.

2016 License Renewals

Judy moved to renew the 2016 Club License for the Ashfield Rod & Gun Club,

Inc. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. The license certificate was signed.

Judy moved to renew the 2016 Class II and Class III Licenses for Robert J. Sadowski d/b/a Plainfield Motors. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Both license certificates were signed.

Resignation

The Board accepted Edward Stockman's resignation from the Energy Committee with appreciation and regret.

Correspondence

The Board received notice of work along the transmission lines off Grant Street from Eversource.

The Board received notice of an agreement between X5 OpCo LLC and CornerStone telephone Company, LLC "to acquire certain assets of CornerStone Telephone Company, LLC, subject to regulatory approval".

Notice of Hampshire Power electricity rates were received.

PVPC is forming a new partnership with Kestral Land Trust, Hilltown Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to expand funding opportunities for land conservation projects.

Notice of PVPC's program to assist with accounting functions was received.

Copies of PVPC's 2015 Major Accomplishments and the Top Ten Resolves for 2016 were received.

MMA issued notice of Senate plans to vote on the Public Records Law on February 4, 2016.

Copies of MTRSD School Committee draft minutes of December 9th, 16th, and 30th were received.

The Board received a copy of M. Thurber's response to a letter to Shelburne/Buckland officials concerning the MTRSD budget was received.

Other mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary