

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, February 23, 2016

Phil Lococo, Judy Feeley, and Dennis Mimitz were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of February 9, 2016 were accepted as submitted by Judy and Dennis. The minutes of the Municipal Light Board meeting of February 9, 2016 were accepted as submitted by Judy and Dennis.

Appointments/Resignations

The Board accepted Judy Feeley's resignation from the Select Board with appreciation and regret as of June 30, 2016. Judy also resigned as manager of the Plainfield Light and Communications Plant.

The Board accepted Robert Mellstrom's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective February 22, 2016 with appreciation and regret.

Ann Irvine wrote she will not seek another appointment to the Planning Board.

Pipeline Update

Notice of Tennessee Gas Pipeline LLC's petitions filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for "Authority to Perform Vernal Pool and Other Surveys on Certain Private Properties" and "Authority to Perform Surveys on Certain Private Properties" were received. Local hearing dates are March 29th at Berkshire Community College at 7:00 p.m. and March 30th at Greenfield Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Chris Stockman, Polly Ryan, and Eric Burcroff, members of the POP group, were in attendance. Chris Stockman suggested that the Board send a letter to Kinder Morgan requesting the company to notify the Select Board prior to surveying on public or private properties. Phil entertained a motion to send a letter to Kinder Morgan, with copies to Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC, FERC, and the D.P.U. The motion, moved by Judy and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved.

The Board of Health will be asked to attend the next meeting for further discussion of the content of the Large Scale Industrial and Commercial Facilities By-law.

A donation for the use of the Town Hall was received from POP.

New Business

The following ATM warrant articles were received from MTRSD: an article to amend the MTRSD Regional Agreement (Language Clean-up), an article to amend the MTRSD Regional Agreement providing to admit Rowe as a 7-12 member of the district as of 7/1/2017, and an article to amend the MTRSD Regional Agreement concerning the provisions for the withdrawal of a member town from the district.

Another article to be voted on by the MTRSD School Committee in April concerns capital improvements to the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School in the amount of \$295,292.00.

It was noted Article 1, section 3. of the By-laws for the Town of Plainfield should be amended to reflect changes in the posting requirements of the Open Meeting Law.

The MTRSD Operating Assessment for FY'17 has been certified at \$711,024.00; the Capital Assessment is \$19,926.00.

Correspondence

Sen. Benjamin Downing sent a reply to the Board's letter of concern regarding the MBI's response to the WiredWest Operating Agreement.

The Board received information from Sertex, a company involved with municipal fiber optics solutions.

PVPC is starting the development process for the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A copy of the notice has been given to the Highway Superintendent.

Notice of HCOG's plans for Hampshire Web was received. HCOG will also distribute a monthly newsletter.

MTRSD School Committee draft minutes of February 10, 2016 were received.

Miscellaneous mail was read and distributed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary