

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, April 26, 2016

Judy Feeley and Dennis Mimitz were present; Phil Lococo was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Judy Feeley was elected temporary chair for the meeting. The minutes of the April 19, 2016 Special Select Board Meeting were accepted as submitted. Action on the minutes of March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> was tabled until the next meeting.

### Highway Superintendent

Proposed Chapter 90 projects for FY'17 include raising drainage structures on Rte. 116 with an application of top coat from the Highway Garage to Church Lane and just north of Prospect Street to Rte. 8A. Line painting on Rte. 116, 8A, and South Central Streets is also proposed. Judy made a motion to sign Chapter 90 Project Request forms. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. The documents were signed.

Mert, Jr. noted upgrades to West Street would be a two year project beginning next year if the Northeast Energy Direct Project does not go forward. Reimbursement funds from Eversource will be used on West Street.

Highway Superintendent has advertised four 5 ton military dump trucks as surplus property. Sealed bids are to be opened at the May 10, 2016 Select Board meeting. The Winter Roads Account is overdrawn by \$9,594.32. (Additional sand and salt was ordered in accordance with the projected weather forecast for early April.)

The Highway Superintendent is drafting Standard Operating Guidelines for safety and will submit the document to the Board for approval.

### Annual Town Meeting

Moderator Laurie Israel addressed the Board on her plans for conducting the Annual Town Meeting. She intends to consider the MTRSD warrant articles immediately following the MTRSD budget items then going back to the budget. The Solar By-law articles will be considered next. She noted colored paper ballots will be used for the Solar By-law articles to ensure an accurate count.

## Other Business

Dennis Thatcher and Paula King met with Mik Muller beginning work on the Plainfield website. Standard Operating Guidelines are being drafted and will be presented to the Board.

There was discussion as to when Howard Bronstein would take office.

## Correspondence

The Board received a copy of HCOG's FY'17 operating budget.

Information concerning the MTRSD FY'17 proposed budget was received.

The Board received notice of the MTRSD School Committee's April 13, 2016 vote to incur debt in the amount of \$295,292 for repairs to the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School.

The WiredWest Board of Directors voted to request a voluntary contribution of \$1,000 from members towns for FY'17. No action was taken on this matter.

A copy of the MassDOT Capital Meeting Schedule was referred to the Highway Superintendent.

The Board received FERC's April 26, 2016 letter stating Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC submitted a letter requesting FERC not take any further action in processing their application for the Northeast Energy Direct Project pending Tennessee submitting a status report to FERC no later than May 26, 2016.

Copies of FERC's responses to U.S. Rep. Chris Gibson and U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen were received. FERC also issued a Data Request to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC on April 7, 2016.

The Board received notice of a Small Town Summit hosted by the Charlemont Select Board at the Hawlemont School on May 5, 2016. Paula was asked to obtain information following the meeting.

The Massachusetts Office on Disability would like to see Plainfield adopt M.G.L. Chapter 40 Sec. 8J and Chapter 40 Sec. 22G relative to the establishment of a Commission on Disability for Plainfield.

Kopelman and Paige issued an eUpdate entitled “New Law Raises Net Metering Caps and Dept. Of Energy Resources Issues Emergency ‘SREC’ Regulations”.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary