

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, May 24, 2016

Phil Lococo, Dennis Mimitz, and Howard Bronstein were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of March 22nd, April 12th, and May 10th were accepted as submitted.

Resignations

Phil entertained motions to accept Patricia Corley's resignation as Library Trustee and Michael Packard's resignation as Plainfield's Representative to the Highland Ambulance/EMS Board of Directors with regret and appreciation. Both motions were moved by Howard, seconded by Dennis, and unanimously approved.

North Union Street Fencing

Christian Wrobel approached the Board in regard to the fencing used to confine her 86 North Union street neighbor's horses. Phil Lococo reported he checked the fencing along Ms. Wrobel's property line and found it to be adequate with exception of one leaning post. Phil spoke with Wayne Hubbard and requested that he right the post. According to Mr. Hubbard the post was damaged by a tree that fell from Ms. Wrobel's yard. Ms. Wrobel asked Phil if he walked the entire fence line. Dennis Mimitz, commenting as a citizen, inquired if Phil walked along his property line. Phil stated he only walked Ms. Wrobel's property line per her request. The Mimitz's keep their electric fence on which keeps the horses from entering their property. Ms. Wrobel stated the fence posts are "not in the ground"; She expressed concerns for damage to her yard as well as the potential for the draft horses getting out and onto North Union Street as they have in the past. She said the horses "will get out again".

Casey Dwyer was also in attendance that same evening in his capacity as Inspector of Animals, but did not take part of Phil's conversation with Mr. Hubbard.

Howard will look at the state statutes to find out what recourse the Town has for the next meeting.

Broadband Update

Phil recused himself from the following discussion and left the room. Leslie Rule and Brian Hawthorne met with the remaining two Board members with

recommendations regarding the installation of the “last mile” of broadband. The Baker-Polito Administration has reorganized its approach to overseeing the Last Mile Project and is seeking liaisons to represent the under-served towns. To this end Howard moved to accept Brian Hawthorne’s resignation as MBI Community Representative/ Point of Contact with regret and appreciation. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Howard moved to appoint Kimberly Longey as the MBI Point of Contact to represent Plainfield through June 30, 2017. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved.

The need for a seven member Broadband Committee was discussed. Leslie presented a draft mission statement for the committee. Howard moved to establish a Broadband Committee and to appoint Kimberly Longey, Leslie Rule, Brian Hawthorne, Lewis Robbins, and Howard Bronstein to the Broadband Committee through June 30, 2017. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved. Two additional members will be sought.

Bill Ennen, MBI Implementation Liaison, will be invited to attend the June 14, 2016 Select Board meeting to discuss the Last Mile Project. Bill will then meet with the Broadband Committee following his time with the Select Board.

The status of WiredWest is still to be determined. Dennis asked if the Town Meeting Vote authorization to borrow for the installation of the last mile is still valid. As long as the Town proceeds as a member of a cooperative the vote is valid.

Brian suggested an article on a town meeting warrant leaving the operation of the Municipal Light Plant in the hands of the Select Board.

Phil returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the Broadband discussion.

Historical Commission

Dario Colleta discussed the Commission’s plans and design for signs designating the Plainfield Historical District. The signs are to be placed on Rte. 116 and North and South Central Streets.

Other Business

Eversource Community Relations Representative Edgar Alejandro spoke with Paula by telephone the company’s upcoming plans for Vegetation Management along the their Rights-of-Way. The Town will receive written notification.

The Board noted there are still two Tax Title properties to be auctioned.

Procedures regarding the former Jackson property will be researched.

Correspondence

The FY'17 Senate budget Committee Cherry Sheet estimate is \$119,455.

Kopelman and Paige has issued an e-Update entitled "Anticipated Changes to Federal Overtime Regulations".

MIIA announced the distribution of participation credits to member towns. Plainfield will receive a \$90.00 credit.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. notified the Board of its withdrawal of the application for the Northeast Energy Direct Project previously filed with FERC.

Chapter 90 Project Requests have been approved by MassDOT.

A copy of the Highland Ambulance/EMS quarterly report was received.

The FY'17 VFIS renewal premium is \$11,538.00.

MMA issued notice of the proposed legislation to overhaul zoning and planning statutes. The Legislature will also vote on a Final Public Records Bill.

Miscellaneous mail was read and distributed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary

