Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, June 14, 2016

Dennis Mimitz and Howard Bronstein were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Howard was elected temporary chair until Phil Lococo arrived at 8:30 p.m. The minutes of May 24th and June 2nd were accepted as submitted.

Highway Department
Requests for Proposals for the new dump truck were published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on June 11, 2016 and in the Goods and Services Bulletin on June 13, 2016. Bids will be opened on July 12th at 7:30 p.m. Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. hopes the truck will be in service by December or January.

Broadband Committee
MBI Last Mile Implementation Liaison Bill Ennen met with the Board and members of the Broadband Committee with updated information concerning the last mile broadband build out. Bill will be consulting with towns and MBI staff to verify and expedite each town's forward path. MBI is willing to support a range of technology, collaboration, and operating choices; and to support projects that will provide access to minimum speed requirements, demonstrate viable funding and financing plans, and achieve operating sustainability. MBI is prepared to engage directly with each town individually or as collaboratives to support and review projects.
The Broadband Committee has completed Plainfield's readiness form.
(Phil Lococo was not present during broadband discussion.)

Other Business
The process by which the town may dispose of the former Jackson property on Main Street was discussed with Gary Rzab, Janine Parker, and Judy Williams. Ellen DuPont expressed concerns about the cost of street sweeping on roads other than Rte. 116. Howard stated he would ask Mert, Jr. about costs and reasons. Public safety, including safe driving conditions for motorcyclists and bicyclists, was mentioned.
Howard reported his findings on fencing and restraining animals. Plainfield is a Right-to-Farm community. It was noted animals will occasionally get out. The

town's concern is public safety. Speaking as a citizen Dennis spoke about manure not being removed from the 86 North Union Street property and is concerned about the adequacy of the fencing along his property line. He noted that the Boxborough Board of Health enacted a by-law to address such issues.

The Board tentatively decided to hold a Special Town Meeting in August. Warrant articles are to include Town By-law changes for the adoption of the Stretch Code and an update to meeting posting requirements to reflect changes in the Open Meeting Law.

A draft of Town Website Guidelines was distributed.

The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing tablets for use at meetings in order to save on printed materials.

Appointments/Resignations

Howard moved to appoint Michal Lumsden and Sally Silberberg to the Broadband Committee through June 30, 2017. The motion, seconded by Dennis, was approved.

Dudley Williams' resignation from the ZBA, effective July 14, 2016, was accepted with regret and appreciation. Notification of the vacancy will be advertised in the Plainfield Post.

Correspondence

The Board received a copy of Colrain's withdrawal from WiredWest.

WiredWest has substantially revised its structural framework in response to concerns raised by member towns and MBI.

MBI will invoice Axia on behalf of the town for the electricity usage ($1,207.67) for the Point of Interconnection at 315 Main Street as well as for the annual rental fee ($2,000.00).

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

MMA sent notice of legislation to overhaul zoning and planning statutes.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline's letter dated May 23, 2016 was received stating its withdrawal of the Northeast Energy Direct Project.

A letter from Prism Energy Services was referred to the Energy Committee.

A copy of the MTRSD School Committee minutes of May 11th was received.

Miscellaneous mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary