

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, June 28, 2016

Phil Lococo, Dennis Mimitz, and Howard Bronstein were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of June 14, 2016 were accepted as amended.

### Highway Department

Phil entertained a motion to accept the bids as follows for hot mix asphalt (picked-up)-Warner Brothers \$62.87 per ton, hot mix asphalt (in place), Warner Brothers \$189,280.00 for Rte. 116 Chapter 90 project, cold patch (picked-up) Warner Brothers \$116.61 per ton, crushed gravel (1- ½”) Meehan \$13.85 per ton, 4" minus gravel George Judd \$11.35 per ton, bank run gravel Delta \$13.85 per ton, unwashed winter sand George Judd \$11.70 per ton, SRG George Judd (delivered) \$12.49 per ton and Sugarledge (picked-up) \$9.89 per ton as recommend by the Highway Superintendent. The motion, moved by Howard and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved.

Street sweeping was discussed. Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. stated removing sand from road shoulders helps to keep ditches and drainage inlets clear. Public safety and liability was also mentioned.

The Highway Department employee injured April 5, 2016 returned to work with no restrictions as of June 27, 2016.

### Healthy Hampshire

Caitlin Marquis and Sarah Bankert approached the Board with information on the Healthy Hampshire Program. The program has been expanded to include the hill towns of western Massachusetts. Primarily intended to advance initiatives that promote health for seniors and others, the program's goal is to decrease risk factors for chronic disease through increased access to healthy foods, physical activity, and clinical prevention strategies. Healthy Hampshire is partnering with HCDC and the Hilltown Community Health Center and is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. A report commissioned by Healthy Hampshire includes information concerning community health data, healthy food access, hill town farms (farm stands and farmers' markets, etc.), access to physical activities, and community organizations in the hill towns.

### Wine and Beer Tasting Event

Gale Bulissa submitted an application signed by the police and fire chiefs for a Special Event License for a wine and beer tasting event at Peppermint Park. The required certificate of insurance was also included. The event is planned for July 23, 2016 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Phil entertained a motion to approve and sign the Special Event License as submitted. The motion was moved by Howard and seconded by Dennis, and was unanimously approved.

#### Old Business

Phil entertained a motion to sign the Special Election Warrant for July 23, 2016 for the election of a Select Board member, Library Trustee, and School Committee member. The motion, moved by Howard and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved. Copies of the warrant were signed and will be forwarded to a constable for posting.

The Board scheduled a Special Town Meeting for September 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for potential local by-law changes relating to board and committee meeting postings and the adoption of the Stretch Code.

Website Guidelines were discussed. The Board suggested asking those working on the website to attend a future Select Board meeting.

#### New Business

The possibility of participation in the Community Compact Program was discussed.

Police Chief Stacey Hudson has appointed the following for FY'17: Regular Officers - Edward Morann, Josh Shearer, Trish Carlo; Special Officers - Merton Taylor, Sr., Sandy Morann, Bernard Forgea; Casey Dwyer (for Animal Control purposes).

Phil entertained a motion to pay Kopelman and Paige invoice #108499 in the amount of \$245.00. The motion, moved by Howard and seconded by Dennis, was unanimously approved.

#### Correspondence

MassDOT has approved a Five Year Capital Plan and has issued their findings for keeping tolls in place on the Western Turnpike.

Information concerning the conversion of street lights to LED technology was received from the Department of Energy Resources.

Information concerning FY'16 vocational transportation savings of \$26,611.96 for the towns of Ashfield, Plainfield, Hawley, and Charlemont was received.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

Dennis Mimitz was thanked for his service as this was his last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary