

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, December 13, 2016

Howard Bronstein, Phil Lococo, and Leslie Rule were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of November 22, 2016 and December 6, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

Phil Lococo recused himself from the broadband discussion and left the building.

Broadband Update

Members of the Broadband Committee, Kimberly Longey, Brian Hawthorne, and Lew Robbins approached the Board, Accountant Paula King, and Treasurer Allan Kidston concerning the progress of the Broadband Committee. The Select Board, Treasurer, and the Accountant will team with the Broadband Committee on the “last mile” project (fiber to the home). Both the “green light letter” and DOR approval are necessary to be in position to receive MBI funding. Kimberly stated the importance of receiving the “green light letter” to complete the readiness assessment. Allan noted the required information was mailed on Friday December 9th and should be in the hands of Rick Manley. Howard stated the Select Board needs to know what is needed and from whom. He is willing to approach town office personnel for information requested by the Broadband Committee. Several options for “last mile” construction are on the table. The Baker administration and MBI have changed their plans. MBI has issued an RFP, due in January, seeking proposals from contractors to build, own, and operate fiber to the home systems. It was noted towns could issue their own RFP or band together to issue an RFP for the build out. WiredWest is still a consideration for the system operation. Most scenarios would most likely be funded by the state, subscribers, and taxpayers. The Broadband Committee will come back to the Board with their recommendations and the possibility of a town meeting vote. The stated goal is to follow the best and most efficient path to provide fiber to the home.

Phil Lococo returned to the meeting after the close of the broadband discussion.

Web Mail Conversion Proposal

Brian Hawthorne reported two possible solutions to convert current e-mail accounts used by local officials to a single provider. An e-mail alias using NFSN,

controlled by the town, could be used for \$11.00 per year at Plainfield.ma.us. Motague Webworks hosted e-mail would cost \$1,260.00 annually; e-mail with archiving would cost \$2,100.00. Google G Suite hosted e-mail would cost \$2,100.00. Leslie moved to use NFSN alias as the e-mail provider. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved. Brian noted e-mails sent to the new addresses will be forwarded to the current addresses used by town officials.

Other Business

Successful bidders on the former Jackson property, Gary Rzab and Janine Parker informed the board of their concerns about the responsibility of the parking area across from 315 Main Street. They also mentioned the ditch behind the parking area. It was noted the parking area is within the Rte. 116 1933 county layout and will continue to be used as parking. The drainage ditch is to keep water from encroaching on Rte. 116. Howard will consult with Allan Kidston about the matter. There was discussion concerning the future of the 345/347 Main Street property. The January 7th Special Election Warrant was signed and will be given to one of the constables for posting.

Phil moved to renew Ed Morann's Class II and Class III licenses for 2015. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

Phil moved to renew the 2017 alcoholic beverage license for M&J Fortier d/b/a Hilltop Colonial Inn. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved.

Phil moved to renew the 2017 alcoholic beverage license for the Green Mountain Variety and Package Store. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

It was noted ABCC renewals will be processed online and Paula will complete the process as soon as it becomes available.

Leslie moved to reappoint Dario and Rebecca Coletta to the Cultural Commission through September 2019. The motion, seconded by Phil, was unanimously approved.

The FY'17 Recap was approved on December 7th with the single tax rate of \$19.46.

Phil move to pay KP Law invoice #110142 in the amount of \$322.50. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved.

Correspondence

KP Law issued an e-Update entitled "Preliminary Injunction Enjoins Implementation of New Department of Labor Overtime Rule".

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary