

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, August 22, 2017

Howard Bronstein and Winton Pitcoff were present; Leslie Rule was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of August 8, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

Highway Superintendent

The cleaning of roadside ditches on West Hill Road was discussed. According to Highway Superintendent Merton Taylor, Jr. the work was necessary to maintain proper drainage and to keep the road open during the winter.

The Board and Mert, Jr. discussed options in response to an e-mail from David Kramer concerning the speeds at which vehicles round the corner by Hilltop Cemetery (North Central Street and North Union Street). There is evidence that a vehicle left the road traversing a corner of the lawn of a residence where children are known to be at play. Howard agreed to consult with the police chief about the placement of stop signs at the North Union Street and North Central Street junction. Mert, Jr. suggested curved arrow and slow signs as an option. He noted it takes two weeks to obtain signs.

After receiving notification of a wetlands violation, the Conservation Commission issued an Enforcement Order to the Plainfield Department of Public Works for filling in a 100' area along a portion of Bow Street without an Order of Conditions from said commission. Mert, Jr. stated both sides of the road were filled to build up the shoulders. There was discussion concerning the width and amount of material to be retained and how much is to be re-mediated. Judy Williams has asked to be present when the material is removed. Winton suggested asking Judy if there is an alternative solution for re-mediation.

Mert, Jr. noted the department is in the process of roadside mowing and grading gravel roads.

Appointment

The Board appointed Edward Morann as the Plainfield representative to the Highland Board of Directors through June 30, 2020. A letter of recommendation supporting Ed's appointment to Highland Ambulance/EMS was signed.

Other Business

A meeting of the MLP manager and other officials will take place at Hathaway Hall on Thursday, August 24th at 8:30 a.m. to discuss possible locations for the Plainfield's broadband "Point of Premise"(hub and equipment center).

Winton plans to consult with David Doneski, KP Law, about recent changes in the law as it relates to the proposed Community Host Agreement with Mass Medi-Spa, Inc.

The Board agreed on Leslie's proposed job description template. It was noted an opening paragraph or statement in job descriptions is a good idea.

Correspondence

A certified mailing regarding the Savoy-Windsor-Plainfield corner marker was received and was referred to Leslie in her capacity as Town Perambulator. After extensive searching the marker has not been located. The letter suggests the marker may have been buried during road work or removed.

A mailing from the Massachusetts Office on Disability states the Town does not have a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan or a Memorandum of Understanding on file with MOD. The plan and related documents from the Town's files were mailed in May. Paula will follow-up with Director David D'Arcangelo and Assistant Director Jeffrey Dougan.

A copy of the request to keep insurance classifications up to date from the ISO to Fire Chief Dennis Thatcher was received.

Information on the Community Compact Program was received. HCDC Executive Director Dave Christopolis plans to discuss the program with the Board.

KP Law has issued an e-Update entitled "An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana".

Notice of a non-evidentiary hearing regarding KCSTA USA, Inc. Was received.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary