

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, October 24, 2017

Howard Bronstein and Leslie Rule were present. Winton Pitcoff was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The minutes of October 10, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

E-Mail/Internet and Social Media Policies

Howard moved to accept the E-Mail/Internet and Social Media Policies as presented by Brian Hawthorne. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was approved. E-Mail addresses will be set up for town officials once the acceptance pages of the documents have been signed. (Acceptance pages were signed by Leslie, Howard, Paula, and Brian.) Brian noted references to a Systems Administrator in both documents suggesting the Board may wish to consider creating such a position.

MLP Update

In a brief update of MLP happenings, Brian Hawthorne informed the Board of Westfield Gas & Electric's determination of the need for additional poles as follows: one pole on South Central Street, three poles on Union Street, and four poles on Governor Street. Several trees will have to be removed to accommodate the new poles. The MLP is awaiting the final report from WG&E on the pole survey.

Net-Metering Program

Howard moved to sign the revised Net-Metering Credit Agreement to include Hathaway Hall/Police Station (315 Main Street) based on the e-mail response Paula received from Cornell Robinson, Project Manager, MBI. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was approved.

Appointments

Leslie moved to appoint John Burns to the Conservation Commission through June 30, 2020. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

Leslie moved to appoint Sarah Stull to the Agricultural Commission through June 30, 2019. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

Other Business

Thelma Pilgrim inquired about the article in the Plainfield Post about Highway Department work. She also asked if the Highway Department would mow the side of West Hill near the maple trees. Howard will check with Mert, Jr.

Howard moved to designate October 31, 2017 as Halloween in Plainfield per recommendation of the Recreation Committee. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was approved.

HCOG has awarded the heating fuel oil bid #1148 to Whiting Oil Corporation. The town has locked in to \$2.1825 per gallon for FY18

The Mass Medi-Spa Host Community Benefit Agreement has been sent to the Roos'.

Winton has submitted the Community Compact Program Application.

The Board received the MTRSD warrant article relative to Regional Agreement updates for the section on vocational education. The article will appear on the May Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

A KP Law invoice dated April 27, 2017 will be placed on a Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Kp Law issued an e-Update entitled "Important Changes to the Open Meeting Law".

Leslie moved to pay the 2nd quarter HCOG assessment for \$100.57. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

Howard moved to enter into a three year inter-municipal agreement with the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Service District. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was approved. The document was signed.

Eversource Transmission Line Maintenance will be performing structure inspections in October through the end of 2017.

Notice of Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's first Solar Thermal Challenge was received from HCOG.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary