

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, November 28, 2017

Leslie Rule and Winton Pitcoff were present; Howard Bronstein was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Winton moved that Leslie serve as temporary chair. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

Resignation

Leslie Rule's resignation as a member of the Select Board and School Committee effective January 30, 2018 was accepted with regret.

Caucus/Special Election/Special Town Meeting Schedule

Winton moved to hold a Caucus to nominate candidates for the Select Board seat on December 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall and to schedule a Special Election on February 10, 2018 from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. to elect one Select Board member through June 30, 2018. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved. The required letter will be given to the Town Clerk.

A Special Town Meeting will take place on January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. as previously scheduled. The Select Board meeting will be postponed for 6:00 p.m. on January 23rd. The Special Town Meeting warrant will be prepared for signing and posting at the December 26, 2018 meeting.

Energy Committee

Energy Committee members Tim Walter and Conrad Liebenow presented a proposed agreement with Bowman Engineering, Inc. for Green Community energy audits for the Town Hall, Hallock/Library, Hathaway Hall/Police Station, and the Public Safety Building, the amount totaling \$11,400. META grant funds will cover the cost of the energy audits. Winton moved to sign the energy audit proposals. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved. The documents were signed. The Highway Garage was eliminated from proposal and will be addressed with GC grant funds.

A spread sheet provided by Tim Walter contained proposals for the installation of solar panels on the Hallock Building pavilion, the Public Safety Building, and the Highway Garage. It was noted the Highway Garage is in need of a roof in the next five years and will have to be done before solar panels and roof insulation can be installed. The walls, however, could be insulated. Tim stated Fire Chief Dennis

Thatcher said USDA will need to be consulted on solar installation on the Public Safety Building since they are the mortgage holders. It was also noted additional structural upgrades needed to support solar installation will most likely not be covered by GC funds.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. reported preparations for winter are ongoing.

There is a problem with rodents in the Highway Garage due to its proximity with the transfer station. Options for pest control were discussed. The Board referred Mert, Jr. to the Buildings Committee for the Highway Garage and the Board of Health for the compactor. (The Town Hall is being serviced by a pest control company.)

The need for a second pick-up truck for the Highway Department was discussed. One of the two 1986 military surplus vehicles is no longer able to be repaired. The department is currently using a Fire Department pick-up.

In answer to Winton's inquiry about the cost of a grader, Mert, Jr. estimated \$300,000-\$400,000, possibly a low figure. Parts for the 1971 Austin Western are hard to get as the company is no longer in business.

Other Business

Leslie inquired about changes to the Host Community Benefit Agreement at the November 9th meeting with Mass Medi-Spa, Inc., a meeting she was unable to attend due to her presence at a School Committee meeting. Winton explained the revisions and stated the proposed document is being reviewed by the Roos' attorneys.

Plainfield's Free Cash as of July 1, 2017 has been certified by the Department of Revenue at \$281,924.

A copy of the FY'17 Balance Sheet was received.

HRMC records reveal Plainfield has received \$9,000 in recycling grants.

A letter will be sent to PVPC requesting technical assistance for LUCA.

A copy of MTRSD School Committee minutes for October 11, 2017 was received.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary