

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, December 12, 2017

Howard Bronstein, Leslie rule, and Winton Pitcoff were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The minutes of October 24th, November 3rd, 9th, 14th, 28th, and December 6th were accepted as submitted.

Animal Control

Casey Dwyer, Animal Control Officer, distributed information on the ACOAM certification academy slated to begin March 23, 2018 at the Boyalston Police Academy. The program runs every Friday through April 20th. The cost of the program is \$500.00; Reimbursement for lost wages in the amount of \$1,800 while attending the program and mileage reimbursement based on the federal mileage rate while on Cummington calls were discussed. Howard met with the Cummington Select Board proposing a shared Animal Control Officer sharing the expenses related to ACO certification. Kimberly Longey suggested an intergovernmental agreement with Cummington. Casey will meet with Cummington Select Board on Thursday. Winton spoke to the issue of setting a precedent with respect to paying lost wages. Plainfield's share of the costs will appear on the January 23, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Surplus Property Bids

Two bids were opened for the 2008 Ford F350: Ed Morann \$280 and Matt's Garage, Easthampton \$711. Ed Morann's bid of \$80 was the only bid received on the 1992 Chevy 2500. Winton moved to accept \$711 from Matt's Garage for the 2008 Ford and \$80 from Ed Morann for the 1992 Chevy. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved.

Appointment

Winton moved to appoint Roberta Wooldridge to the Planning Board through June 30, 2018. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed for Caucus at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

MLP Update

MLP Manager Kimberly Longey provided an update on MLP happenings (attached). In reference to the requested action item, Winton moved to approve the text of the proposed volunteer waiver form as presented. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved. (Volunteers will help in land clearing and other activities related to broadband network construction.)

The project is proceeding on track and under budget.

A WiredWest communication on Sean Cronin's (DLS) response and the MOU was received.

Other Business

Winton moved to sign the contract documents for Plainfield's Wage & Salary Classification Plan Grant in the amount of \$20,000 awarded under the Community Compact Program. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved. The documents were signed.

Winton moved to renew the 2018 Alcoholic Beverage License for Green Mountain Variety & Liquor, Inc. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved. M&J Fortier, Inc., d/b/a Hilltop Colonial Inn did not renew for 2018. Winton moved to estimate the July population for 2018 at 744. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved.

Winton moved to renew Ed Morann's Class II and Class III licenses for 2018. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved.

The Board received an e-mail from Matt Stowell seeking the placement of "No Engine Brake" signs on Rte. 116 to reduce the noise of semi-trailer trucks while stopping. The Police Chief and Highway Superintendent will be consulted on the matter.

The FY'18 tax rate of \$19.08 has been approved by the Department of Revenue. A draft of the January 23, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed and will be finalized for signing and posting at the December 26, 2017 meeting.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary