

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, April 24, 2018

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Action on the minutes of April 10, 2018 was tabled until the next meeting.

Chris Roos, 27 Broom Street LLC

Chris Roos and associates Mark Downy and Nick Rosati met with the Board seeking a non-opposition letter to be submitted with their application to the state for a license to cultivate recreational marijuana at the 27 Broom Street location. The template is the same as the previous letter submitted on behalf of Mass Medi Spa. Separate licenses are required for growing and processing. Chris asked for an updated Community Host Agreement with 27 Broom Street LLC. Winton will consult with KP Law Attorney David Doneski to ascertain whether the same Community Host Agreement drafted for Mass Medi Spa can be used with the name changed to 27 Broom Street LLC throughout. A Special Permit Application must be submitted to the ZBA. 27 Broom Street LLC plans to grow and process recreational marijuana. The for-profit business will start out as a 7,200 square foot operation in the first year with plans to increase growing facility to 14,000 square feet in the second year. Marijuana will be grown indoors in green houses with several annual hoop houses in accordance with state regulations. The business plans to grow organically. Chris responded there will be no run-off when asked about the installation of a run-off system. Waste foliage and stems are to be used for composting and reused. Processing will take place in the barn. The perimeter of the growing and processing areas will be secured by 10' fencing fronted by arborvitae. Chris noted someone is currently living in and making repairs to the house.

27 Broom Street is a new for-profit company owned by Chris Roos and is not affiliated with Mass Medi Spa.

There are no plans for retail sales in Plainfield. Winton noted the town plans to look at a 3% retail sales tax for recreational marijuana.

Chris will provide Winton with the appropriate contact information for mailings, etc. Winton will consult the ZBA and Planning Board prior to the execution of a letter of non-opposition.

Highway Department

Chapter 90 project requests were signed for resurfacing portions of North Central and North Streets and Gloyd Road and for line painting on Rte. 116, Central Street, and Rte. 8A.

Karl Dewkett has given notice and will leave his position with the Highway Department at the end of this week. Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. said he will begin the process of advertising for a replacement.

Plainfield had an accumulation of 115" of snow this past winter.

When asked Mert, Jr. said he has not had much interaction with the tree removal company. He may want some wood for the Highway Garage.

Winton stated he has given a list of trees to be removed to Chad Howes which will be accomplished within the constraints of the Tree Warden's budget.

Old Business

Winton moved to accept the invitation to become a community member of the Wild & Scenic Westfield River. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. The letter of acceptance was signed and will be mailed to Director Robert Thompson.

Language for the next Special Town Meeting Warrant asking the Town to adopt a 3% tax on retail marijuana sales within the Town of Plainfield was received.

An e-mail from HCDC Director Dave Christopolis stated he attended the vulnerability and emergency preparedness meeting at PVPC. Howard will contact Dave about the program.

MLP Manager Kimberly Longey's update is attached. Kimberly asked for approval for the use of Highway Department labor and equipment to create the access road to the hub location and gravel base for the hub structure behind the Public Safety Building. The Board agreed after consulting Mert, Jr.

Other Business

After discussing Town Hall accessibility, Hilary moved to hold the Annual Town Meeting at the Public Safety Building. The motion, seconded by Winton, was unanimously approved. The Annual Town Meeting Warrant was signed and will be given to a constable for posting. Winton move to sign the Election Warrant upon completion by the Town Clerk. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

The FY'19 budget was discussed with Finance Committee Chair Lew Robbins. Winton moved to support the FY'19 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee with minor adjustments by Lew and Paula and with appreciation of the work done by the Finance Committee and Accountant. The motion was seconded by Hilary and was unanimously approved.

Presentation of the budget was discussed. The Board agreed the Town Meeting Warrant should be acted upon in order as written. Hilary will notify the moderator of the Board's request.

Resignations/Appointments

The Board accepted the following resignations with regret and appreciation: Stacey Hudson as Police Chief, effective June 1, 2018; Michal Lumsden from the Cultural Council; Sandra Morann as ZBA Alternate. Howard will meet with Stacey concerning options for her replacement.

Winton moved to appoint William Latimer as ZBA Alternate through June 30, 2018. The motion, unanimously approved, was seconded by Hilary.

Correspondence

The Board received notice of the June 1, 2018 Eversource Energy's Annual Emergency Response Plan meeting for public officials.

HCOG has formed a Strategic Planning Committee to reexamine the structure and operations of the organization to ensure its long-term sustainability.

Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary