

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, May 8, 2018

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of April 10th and April 24th meetings were accepted as submitted.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program(MVP)

The MVP program, managed by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, was established to assist communities in planning and mitigating the impacts of extreme weather and climate change. Grants are available to communities becoming an MVP-designated community. Howard has researched the process and invited Emily Slotnick, PVPC, to address the Board and other Plainfield officials about becoming a certified MVP community. Emily explained the application process, planning workshops, and other aspects of the program. PVPC, through the Local Technical Assistance grant, will provide three days of services upon receiving letters of support from the Select Board, Emergency Manager, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Energy Committee. Letters were signed enabling Emily to submit an application on behalf of Plainfield by the May 11th deadline. Match Requirements state municipalities must commit sufficient staff time of approximately 120-200 hours over the year-long grant period. If accepted, Plainfield will be eligible to apply for MVP funding to accomplish both the MVP and Hazard Mitigation Plan(HMP). A public planning workshop is a requirement of the program. Deliverables include a risk matrix, a template driven report, and a required public listening session. PVPC has sufficient trained staff to work with communities. A regional approach with other towns is a possibility, but towns must submit individual applications.

Other Business

Justin Litchfield was in attendance to make known his interest in the police chief position. Justin, a former Plainfield police officer, has recently moved back to Plainfield. The position will be advertised in the Daily Hampshire Gazette, The Recorder, the Berkshire Eagle, the Plainfield Post, and possibly The Beacon. The MassDOT Lower Liberty Street Bridge Report is the first received for that location.

Both a letter of non-opposition and the Host Community Benefit Agreement for 27

Broom Street LLC were signed and given to Chris Roos. (Winton consulted David Doneski, KP Law, to reflect the name change to 27 Broom Street and other minor changes.)

Winton and Paula will act as the steering committee for the Wage and Salary Classification and Compensation project.

The Quonset hut on South Central Street is in the process of being removed. The first payment of \$56.20 since enrolling in the net-metering program for the Highway Garage was received.

There is nothing in the law indicating someone must be a resident to continue to serve on the Conservation Commission.

The Board of Health and the Select Board do not plan to send letters to small businesses using private trash haulers in regard to household recycling per inquiry from HRMC at this time.

The Board received a letter from Waste Management concerning its "inbound recycling quality policy".

Winton moved to pay KP Law invoice #115681 in the amount of \$40.44. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Winton moved to sign the MIIA FY'19 insurance endorsements for property, liability, and workers' compensation. The motion was seconded by Hilary and unanimously approved.

The Highland Ambulance quarterly report was received.

MassDot has approved the Chapter 90 project request pending the approval of FY'19 funding.

Winton moved to authorize the Building Committee to use Town Hall Project Gift and Town Hall Association funds to continue Town Hall window replacement and other Town Hall restoration projects. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Edgar Alejandro will be resigning his position as Community Relations Manager with Eversource Energy as of May 11, 2018. Mike Vedovelli, Eversource Community Relations Representative, will be the point of contact going forward.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary