

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, July 24, 2018

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of July 10, 2018 were accepted as amended.

The Board reorganized for Fiscal 2019 as follows: Howard, chair; Hilary, clerk; Winton, procurement officer. Howard distributed copies of the current board members' terms and committee/departmental assignments with the following changes: Highway Department liaison, Hilary; Zoning Board of Appeals liaison, Howard.

Winton moved to pay the Fiscal 2019 MMA dues in the amount of \$513.00. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Old Business

HCDC is interested in renewing the agreement to administer the Revolving Septic System Repair Program. The Board agrees it is a good idea to have the agreement in place.

A group meeting for employees to meet with Don Jacobs concerning job description for the Wage and Salary Classification Study is scheduled for August 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Two MVP sub-committees are to be established to accomplish the following tasks: 1. To set up and hold the required MVP workshops. 2. To convert workshop results into an acceptable Hazardous Mitigation Plan for FEMA/MEMA. The terms of the grant state the work is to be completed by June 30, 2019.

Desired language changes in Pole Hearing documents to assure municipal space on Eversource and Verizon utility poles is being discussed between KP Law and Eversource attorneys.

A request from A.A. to use the Town Hall on Monday evenings from 8:00-9:00 p.m. was approved with the condition that Town business takes precedence.

Correspondence

Winton moved to sign a letter in support of Hawley's MassWorks Grant application to improve a section of Rte. 8A. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was

unanimously approved.

An e-mail request from Cultural Council member Lina Bernstein asked the Board to petition the Mass Cultural Council for a waiver of three-year term limits for Cultural Council members. The Mass Cultural Council does not allow for waivers of council member terms (six years), but does allow temporary carryover until new members are appointed. This provision, however, is to be handled in a responsible and timely manner at the discretion of the municipality and Local Cultural Council. An e-mail was received citing difficulty in reaching the Building Inspector.

Howard agreed to talk with the inspector; he will also ask about the possibility of a clerk to handle some of the paperwork for all of the inspectors.

The Board received a letter from HCG encouraging participation in the Council's programs.

KP Law e-Udate entitled "U.S. Supreme Court Declares Public Sector Agency Fees Unconstitutional under First Amendment" was received.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary