

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, October 9, 2018

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of September 25th and 26th were accepted as submitted.

Plainfield Tree Alliance

The Plainfield Tree Alliance, an ad hoc group, approached the Board in support of their letter to Eversource seeking a contribution for planting new trees to replace those recently cut. The alliance plans to plant new trees in areas behind stone walls and other areas back from roadsides and overhead wires. They are planning to identify areas trees might be needed. Howard will ask Emily Slotnick, PVPC, about how planting trees might affect Plainfield's efforts to draft a Hazard Mitigation Plan, a requirement of the Municipal Vulnerability Program grant. Winton moved to support the letter to Eversource. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Diagrams were distributed showing where one tree might be planted in front of the Town Hall and possibly two in front of the Hallock Building this fall. The group was referred to the Highway Superintendent and the Buildings Committee for approval prior to any planting. The presence of wires to the Hallock Building was noted as well as the requirement to contact Dig Safe.

David Perkins spoke of the group's efforts to establish a community wood bank to assist those in need of heating assistance. They are applying for a \$2,000 grant under the auspice of the Plainfield Historical Society. A site for storing wood should be discussed with the Buildings Committee and possibly the Recreation Committee if the North Central Street ballfield/playground is a consideration. Liability has been researched. Private land as a storage area might also be a possibility. Coordination of volunteers for cutting and trucking was discussed in addition to establishing criteria for determining eligibility. The Board thinks a community wood bank is a good idea.

Other Business

Winton moved to sign the October 30, 2018 Special Town meeting Warrant. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. The warrant will be given to a constable for posting.

Kp Law has confirmed that police hours are exempt from overtime according Federal law in town's with less than five police officers.

Winton moved to allow Town Hall Association and Town Hall Project Gift funds totaling \$4,916.40 to be used by the Buildings Committee towards the replacement of the upstairs windows on the east and north sides of the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Hilary and was unanimously approved.

The Wage and Salary data information supplied by Don Jacobs at the September 26th meeting is sufficient to enable the Board to make decisions for Plainfield positions.

Howard noted MVP plans: 1. An Informational Meeting in conjunction with the Planning Board will take place Wednesday, October 10th. 2. An MVP workshop has been scheduled for December 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of gathering data for the Hazard Mitigation Plan in addition to discussion of Plainfield's strengths and weaknesses.

Winton moved to pay KP Law invoice #117653 in the amount of \$157.50. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. (\$17.50 of Broadband expense was referred to the MLP.)

The 2019 Cultural Council Grant contract in the amount of \$4,500 was signed by Hilary.

Howard will contact Jamie Paquette about attending the next Select Board meeting in reference to an application to cultivate marijuana on Bow Street.

Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary