

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, October 23, 2018

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of October 9, 2018 were accepted as submitted; the minutes of October 17, 2018 were accepted as amended.

Bow Street property owner Jamie Paquette and his partner Joseph Conklin approached the Board about plans for a tier 1 inside organically grown marijuana facility. His barn is electrified, insulated, and dry-walled. Host Community Benefit, letter of non-opposition, informational meetings, and the ZBA Special Permit application processes were discussed. It was noted the ZBA Public Hearing for the 27 Broom Street LLC application (tier 10) was continued to November 15, 2018 due to the number of questions raised according to Howard. Winton's asked if Jamie has been involved with other growing operations to which Jamie replied, "Yes." Jamie was unaware of the Special Permit process for businesses in Plainfield nor was aware of the letter of non-opposition from the Select Board required to accompany his application to the state. The Board suggested Jamie might attend the continued ZBA Public hearing in November.

Wage and Salary Classification Study

Don Jacobs submitted parts A, B, C, and D of an Employee Personnel Manual for the Board's review. The Board discussed noting changes to Don or accepting the document and making their own changes. The next meeting with Don Jacobs has not been scheduled.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant

Howard has a list of those to be invited to the December 8, 2018 MVP workshop. The results of the full day workshop will enable the group to draft a Hazardous Mitigation Plan and fulfill the grant requirements by June 30, 2019.

MLP Update

Winton moved to acknowledge and extend its appreciation to David and Gale Bulissa and staff for the countless hours of volunteer service of time and equipment for site preparation for the broadband hut. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. Work included tree/brush removal and

excavation, trenching, grading and other site work.

Other Business

Winton moved to reappoint Allen Irvine to the Cultural Council through September 2021. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. The Board reviewed the appeal letter and form for the town hall lift \$5,000 fine. A copy of Rep. Stephen Kulik's letter in support of the appeal was also received. Hilary expressed concerns about the paragraph referring to "the hardship and strain" the fine would have on the town. A cover letter signed by the chair will accompany the application of appeal.

Winton moved to designate October 31, 2018 as Halloween in Plainfield per recommendation of the Recreation Committee. The motion was unanimously approved after being seconded by Hilary.

Free Cash as of July 1, 2018 has been certified by the Commissioner of Revenue at \$170,038.00 A copy of the FY'18 Balance Sheet was also reviewed.

A report on the status of vocational transportation (attached) was discussed. The Board does not support reimbursement for transportation to parents or students who drive.

Correspondence

No action was taken on a letter from the Massachusetts Office on Disability per the establishment of a local Commission on Disability.

The Board received notice of two PBS broadcasts on recycling.

No action was taken on a letter about the Hidden Hills of Massachusetts.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary