

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, December 11, 2018

Howard Bronstein and Hilary Weeks were present; Winton Pitcoff was not in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of November 27, 2018 were approved.

FY'19 Tax Classification Hearing

The FY'19 Tax Classification Hearing commenced at 7:05 p.m. Assistant Assessor Cathy Hall estimated the FY'19 tax rate at \$19.42 if a single rate is adopted. If the Board votes to establish a split rate with a 5% differential the residential rate is estimated at \$19.16 residential and \$29.67 commercial; a 10% differential would be \$18.90 residential and \$21.36 commercial; a 20% differential would be \$18.37 residential and \$23.30 commercial. Howard moved to adopt a single tax rate of \$19.42 for FY'19. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved. (The FY'18 tax rate was \$19.08.)

Assistant Assessor Cathy Hall is retiring as of December 31st. The Board extended their appreciation to Cathy for her 16+ years of service. The Board of Assessors has hired Gina Papineau for two days a week with the possibility of hiring a consultant for certain tasks. Gina also works for the Goshen assessors.

Highland Ambulance/EMS Contract

Ed Morann presented the updated Highland Ambulance Contract renewal for signing. Howard moved to sign the document. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved and signed.

2019 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal

Howard moved to sign the 2019 renewal application for Green Mountain Variety & Liquor Inc. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved. Howard moved estimate the population for Plainfield as of July 10, 2019 at 744. The motion was seconded by Hilary and was approved. Relative documents were signed.

Other Business

A decision on the appeal of the \$5,000.00 fine for failure to inspect the Town Hall lift was received from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety and Inspections. Howard moved to pay the reduced fine of \$1,200.00. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved.

Howard moved to pay invoice #1159 in the amount of \$3,000.00 invoice to D.I. Jacobs. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved. The Board will meet on January 9th to review and edit the Employee Personnel Handbook prepared by Don Jacobs.

MLP Manager Kimberly Longey submitted the attached broadband update. Howard noted the success of the December 8th meeting for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.

Correspondence

Senator Adam Hinds acknowledged the receipt of a copy of the resolution passed at the May 5th Town Meeting urging the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war.

The Board received notice of upcoming MTRSD School Committee FY'20 budget meetings.

Notice of PVPC's District Local Technical Assistance Program was received.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary