

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, April 23, 2019

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of April 9, 2019 were accepted with a typographical correction.

Highway Department

Mert Taylor, Jr., Highway Superintendent, consulted the Board about submitting a Chapter 90 Project Request for Rte. 116 or for Bow and Grant Streets. It was decided to hold on Rte. 116 pending a response from state legislators to the letter seeking assistance for Rte. 116 following the meeting with District 1 officials. Fifty tons of hot mix will be applied to Rte. 116 to fill potholes. Savoy has loaned Plainfield their hot mix box in return for the use of Plainfield's York rake. It was also noted the General Highway budget will need a transfer from the Highway Salary account (unused overtime) to complete FY'20 work pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 33B in May.

Mert, Jr. plans to apply for a STRAP Grant for West Street.

The Department will consult with the Board of Health concerning site work for the compactor retaining wall project.

FY'20 Budget and ATM Warrant

Finance Committee Chair David Kramer and Lew Robbins presented the FY'20 budget to the Board. Following discussion of salary account presentation, Hilary moved to support the FY'20 budget as submitted. The motion, seconded by Winton, was unanimously approved.

Winton moved to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. The warrant will be forwarded to a constable for posting.

MLP Update

Assistant MLP Manager Brian Hawthorne updated the Board on MLP progress (attached). Winton moved accept the Commercial & Industrial Pricing Policy as submitted by the MLP. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Eversource is close to completing the make ready process and Verizon is moving

forward with same.

Winton noted USDA has announced it will be offering broadband loans and grants.

ZBA Determination Form and Policy

Howard asked if approval of the policy and determination form could wait until the proposed Zoning By-law changes have been adopted. Brian stated the vote is effective following the vote of approval. Winton moved to approve the policy and determination form contingent upon Town Meeting approval of the proposed Zoning By-law changes. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Winton moved to accept the Public Meeting Posting Policy as written effective July 1, 2019. Hilary seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. The Northampton Cycle Club approval from was signed.

Correspondence

MassDOT notified the Board of an error in the vendor code used for CMVI payments. The Plainville vendor code was being used in error from April 2018 through February 2019 and has been corrected. CMVI fines totaling \$1,608.86 will be deposited using the correct vendor code for Plainfield.

The Board received notice of a hearing in Cummington to present two by-laws concerning the sale of both medical and recreational marijuana. The letter was received April 14th with a meeting date of April 5th.

Notice of a change in lenders was received from NEXAMP. The letter will be referred to the Board of Assessors and the Tax Collector.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary