

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, May 28, 2019

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of May 14, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

The Board organized for FY20 as follows: Howard Bronstein, Chair; Winton Pitcoff, Procurement Officer and Perambulator; and Hilary Weeks, Clerk.

VALHALLAMA LLC d/b/a Pub 116

The Board received application for an All Alcoholic Beverage License from VALHALLAMA LLC d/b/a Pub 116, 788 West Main Street at 10:00 a.m., May 28, 2019. No action on the matter was taken other than to schedule the required Public Hearing on June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Tom Burns, owner, introduced himself to the Board.

Police Chief

Chief Justin Litchfield presented his plans for the FY20 Police Salary budget approved at the May 4th Annual Town Meeting. He is proposing 40 hours for the chief and 20 hours each for two officers. Discussion regarding the cost of benefits for a full-time chief followed and will be explored for the June 11th meeting. When asked by a resident, Justin said the Special officers volunteered their time for the Memorial Day parade. He was also asked if police department happenings might be communicated to the public in the Plainfield Post.

Other Business

The Board received notice of an Eversource request for a hearing on underground wires along Broom Street to 27 Broom Street. The hearing was scheduled for July 9, 2019 pending resolution of questions concerning the abutters list provided by Eversource.

Old Business

Howard noted Emily Slotnick, PVPC, is working on grant application template to be used in future MVP/HMP related grant applications.

Winton moved to submit the Resolution Adopting the Town of Plainfield Hazard

Mitigation Plan. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved and was signed by the chair.

Members of the Plainfield Tree Alliance, Dario Coletta and Tee O'Sullivan approached the Board concerning planting a tree behind the slide in the rear of the library (The tree was purchased as a replacement for the one in front of the Town Offices which was not expected to survive.). The Board supported the request to plant the tree. Dario also suggested a future planting of another tree nearer to the pavilion which would eventually provide shade for the barbecue and other events. MLP: An update from MLP Manager Kimberly Longey is attached.

Wage & Salary Classification Study: Howard noted productive meetings with the Police and Fire Chiefs in regards to their job descriptions.

Damage to the Hilltop Cemetery north wall has been repaired by Mert Taylor, Sr. Howard spoke with Melissa Hancock, Eversource Community Relations, who has not gotten back to him. Eversource will be invoiced for the cost to repair the wall.

Correspondence

The Board received a copy of Lew Robbins' e-mail to Moderator Laurie Israel that he has reconsidered his resignation from the Finance Committee and would like to be reappointed.

The Board decided not to participate in the 2020 Census New Construction Program.

PVPC sent notice of available shared-service programs and the potential collaboration of several organizations to provide municipal services affected by HCOG's closing.

Senator Adam Hinds acknowledged the receipt of Plainfield's letter concerning the future repair and maintenance of Rte. 116.

Notice of the FY20 \$190,692 Chapter 90 apportionment was received from Senator Hinds.

Other notices from Senator Hinds include the adoption of an amendment to examine the PILOT payment formula and an additional \$1 million for rural school aid.

Other mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary