

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, July 9, 2019

Howard Bronstein and Winton Pitcoff were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of June 25, 2019 were accepted.

Eversource Public Hearing

The Public Hearing for Eversource Petition #6A920485 for underground conduit and underground primary cable for approximately 1,220' easterly on the north side of Broom Street was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Esther Balardini, representing Eversource, was in attendance. Abutters Matthew Shippee and Jamie Wooldridge were also present. The proposed underground cable and conduit to 27 Broom Street is to include two handholes installed approximately 500' apart. The overhead service on poles is to be maintained with the first pole to be upgraded to a 40' class 2 pole. Matt Shippee expressed concerns about the stone wall and maple tree on his property as well as who will be responsible for grading the entrance to his driveway. He also noted a non-working culvert near his property. Jamie Wooldridge asked how far construction vehicles would traverse into his hayfield. Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. stated Plainfield roadbeds are 33' in width and vehicles should stay within the right-of-way. He will also check at the culvert mentioned by Matt. The stone wall and maple tree won't be disturbed. Ms. Balardini asked if Matt and Jamie had been contacted by the owner of 27 Broom Street regarding the project per her request to which they stated they had not. MLP Manager Kimberly Longey had no concerns as long as the overhead service is to be maintained.

There being no further questions the hearing was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

After expressing his uncomfortableness approving the project with the owners of 27 Broom Street not contacting abutters per MS. Balardini's instruction Winton moved not to approve Eversource Petition #6A290485. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

Ms. Balardini will reach out to the 27 Broom Street owners to address concerns before submitting another petition for a public hearing on the proposal.

FY'20 Appointments

Winton moved to appoint/re-appoint the board and committee members per the list provided by Town Clerk Ruth Osgood with exception of vacancies and committees

deemed to be no longer needed at this time. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved. Winton agreed to list open positions in the Plainfield Post.

Other Business

Mert, Jr. noted the Highway Department is still filling potholes and plans to begin grading gravel roads next week. He will advertise the vacant highway position. FY'20 Chapter 90 funds will be used for Bow Street and West Hill Road; West Street is in line for FY'21 Chapter 90 funds. Mert plans to apply for a STRAP Grant in August.

Howard moved to approve to transfer \$1,300 to the FY'19 Fire Department Account from the FY'19 Insurance Account pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44:33B at the request of Accountant Paula King. The motion, seconded by Winton, was approved.

Howard moved to appoint Jerry Little as Associate Member of the Planning Board through June 30, 2020. The motion, seconded by Winton, was approved.

The number of police calls at the Swift River Addiction Campus was discussed. In his research of ZBA minutes and conversation with the ZBA Chair, Howard noted that discussion during the Special Permit process indicates minimal impact on local services. Police Chief Justin Litchfield will be asked to attend the next Select Board meeting to schedule a meeting with Swift River.

Howard will notify all board and committee chairs of the Plainfield Meeting Posting Policy requirements.

The Plainfield Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved.

Correspondence

The Board received advance notification of the ADA Municipal Improvement Grant Program.

The FY'20 fixed price for #2 fuel oil is \$2.223 per gallon.

Other mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary