

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting July 23, 2019

Howard Bronstein and Winton Pitcoff were present; Hilary weeks was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of July 9, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

Police Department

Chief Justin Litchfield reported on the number of calls at the Swift River Addiction Campus. There were 106 Fire/EMS/Police calls in 2018 and 83 in 2019 with only 2 within the last month. Howard agreed to compile data and logged calls while Justin will determine if a pattern can be established. The consensus was to wait before scheduling a meeting with those in charge at the facility.

Justin also noted he is applying for an annual \$1,300.00 grant from drug companies to discourage drug use.

Speed Limits

After consulting with MassDOT and the court magistrate, the Police Chief and the Highway Superintendent suggest posted speeds of 25 mph from the Post Office to just beyond Broom Street on South Central Street and from the corner to the cemetery on North Central Street with other paved roads at 35 mph. The sections of North Central and South Central meet the thickly settled criteria. Winton moved to post paved Town roads at 35 mph and thickly settled areas at 25 mph per recommendation of the Police Chief and the Highway Superintendent. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

Highway Department

Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. has advertised the Highway Department position. Potholes are still being filled and gravel roads are to be graded.

FY'20 Chapter 90 project requests were signed for resurfacing West Hill Road and Bow Streets and line painting.

Mert, Jr. will meet with Board of Health Chair Ellen Dupont regarding work on the compactor drive.

Appointments

Winton moved to appoint Donna Monroe to fill the vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees through June 30, 2020 per recommendation of the Library Trustees. The motion, seconded by Howard, was approved.

Howard moved to re-appoint Edward Morann, Dennis Thatcher, Theresa Thatcher, Robert Persing, and Laurence Wood to the Master Street Address Guide Committee through June 30, 2020. The motion, seconded by Winton, was approved.

Howard moved to appoint Bill Latimer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending June 30, 2022 and Ann Irvine as ZBA Alternate through June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Winton and was approved.

Howard move to appoint Todd Leslie Rhinemiller as 2nd Assistant Electrical Inspector per recommendation of David Rhinemiller, Chief Electrical Inspector. The motion, seconded by Winton, was approved.

Other Business

The Board agreed to prorate the 2019 fee for the All Alcoholic Beverage License for VAHALLAMA d/b/a as Pub 116 at \$46 per month. Proof of liquor liability insurance and inspection by the Building Commissioner and Fire Chief is still pending.

The Board approved a letter of support for Cummington's 2019 Massworks grant application per request of Eliza Dragon, Cummington Selectboard.

KP Law has increased their rate to \$185 per hour.

The Board agreed to pay the FY'20 MMA dues of \$526. The MMA Human Services program will be researched before approving the \$100 membership. STAM membership will not be renewed for FY'20.

Permission to contract on the Town's behalf for highway products and services to be provided by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments was granted. The form was signed by the Board.

Notice of the FY'20 MIA Grant Program was received.

Howard plans to attend the Municipal IT Roundtable meeting at PVPC on July 30th.

LUCA feedback materials will be sent to Todd Zukowski, PVPC per letter received from the U. S. Census Bureau.

Notice of H3832 - An Act Relative to the Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund reporting requirements received by municipalities was received from Senator Adam Hinds.

Other mail and meeting notices were reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary