

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, September 24, 2019

Howard Bronstein and Hilary Weeks were present; Winton Pitcoff was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes of September 10, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

Pub 116

The Building Commissioner and a Fire Department are scheduled to inspect Pub 116 on Thursday. According to owners Tom Burns and Kristen Terfrey water test results will be available Wednesday. Howard moved to issue a Common Victualer License to Pub 116 once the building has passed the inspection. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved.

Fire Chief

Howard moved to appoint David Alvord as Fire Chief. The motion was seconded by Hilary and was approved. Special legislation will be filed requesting the continuance of service for Chief Alvord.

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Mert Taylor, Jr. stated he missed the application deadline for this round of the STRAP grant. He noted the grant process is competitive and a case must be made for projects that, if approved, would result in improvements to local businesses, economy, etc. He also stated Chapter 90 funds for the next two years are planned for West Street. Hilary expressed the need for a semblance of order for grant applications. Keeping a documented list of possible projects and requirements was noted. The Board asked Mert, Jr. to reach out for assistance if and when needed. Howard brought up the MEMA Grant application requirements and has asked PVPC if Local Technical Assistance might be used for such grant applications. He would like to target the Highway Department's needs within the IT grant application.

Hot mix is being applied to patch West Street.

IT Grant

The Board received notice of the IT Grant application process. In response to Winton's e-mail Chief Litchfield expressed the best practice of managing

employee benefit costs and eligibility for health insurance, unemployment, workers' compensation, etc. He noted the best practice of a multi-year vehicle maintenance and replacement plan for the town's municipal fleet. Kimberly Longey expressed interest in best practices that may be of interest for broadband, records storage, etc.

Notice of Intent to Sell

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Sell property located on Bow and East Streets filed under Chapter 61. Howard moved not to exercise the Town's right of first refusal on the acreage as shown on assessors' map 16, parcel 12. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved.

Other Business

A Public Hearing on Eversource Petition #6A920485 was scheduled for October 8, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

Appointment

Howard moved to appoint Jerry Little as a member of the Planning Board through June 30, 2021. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved.

MLP Update

Broadband hook-ups from the Ashfield line to the center of town are expected to be completed by mid-October.

KP Law invoice #120854 was approved.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary