

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, October 8, 2019

Howard Bronstein and Hilary Weeks were present to call the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Winton Pitcoff arrived later in the meeting. The minutes of September 24, 2019 were accepted as submitted.

### Grants

Howard reported the MEMA Grant funds are federal monies even though awarded through the state requires a 25% match. Grant funds cannot be used for routine road repairs, but could be used for culvert replacement if such replacement is deemed sustainable. MassWorks oversees STRAP Grants. Howard will contact PVPC for technical assistance with grant planning and road inventory to enable the Town to move forward in order to be sustainable.

The MVP Action Grant, if awarded, will be used for culvert replacement on Bow Street. PVPC will assist with the grant application which is due November 14, 2019.

Winton agreed to work on the IT Grant application.

### Special Town Meeting

The Board scheduled a Special Town meeting for November 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes: to seek special legislation for the continued employment of Fire Chief David Alvord; to turn the 1973 Ford fire truck and the 1989 Chevrolet panel truck over to the Plainfield Volunteer Firefighters Association for disposal; authorization to pay two FY19 invoices in FY20.

### Board of Health

In reference to a letter from James Page, South Central Street property owner, concerning TENTRR rentals, Ellen Dupont, Board of Health Chair, asked for permission to approach town counsel if necessary. Permission was granted. She is consulting with the Building Commissioner on the matter.

### Public Hearing: Eversource Petition #6A920485

The Public Hearing seeking permission to install primary 3 phase underground cable and conduit approximately 750' on the easterly side of Broom Street was called to order at 7:17 p.m. Cables and conduit will cross Broom Street to the right

side of Broom Street to a pad mount transformer at the end of the street, approximately 500'. The purpose being to provide 3 phase power to 27 Broom Street. Esther Balardini, representing Eversource, and Broom Street abutters were in attendance.

Howard stated Highway Superintendent Merton Taylor, Jr. has no objection to the proposal. Matt Shippee sought confirmation underground crossing would be before his property so as not to compromise the existing stone wall and culvert. Esther Balardini responded an adjustment could be made if necessary. Chris Roos, 27 Broom Street, indicated he is doing everything possible to be a good neighbor. Howard moved to approve the Eversource petition #6A920485. Hilary seconded the motion which was approved. The hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

#### Other Business

Duane Meehan was appointed Assistant Fire Chief and Robbie Shearer was appointed Lieutenant/Assistant Medical Officer at a recent meeting of fire department officers. Howard acknowledged Matt Hardwick's retirement from the U. S. Navy after twenty-seven years of service.

David Doneski, KP Law, opined the proposed amendment from 2.71 megawatts to 2.70297 megawatts for the payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Plainfield Solar, LLC is appropriate.

Howard moved to pay the town's portion of KP Law invoice #122403 in the amount of \$41.04. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was approved.

Free cash as of July 1, 2019 has been certified at \$168,182.00.

The Board will meet on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Howard spoke with Kate Bavelock, HCDC, about a regional community wood bank for the Hilltowns.

The Board received notice from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission of their offer of a KENO monitor at Pub 116 in Plainfield. The Board has no objection.

Hilary agreed to sign the letter supporting National Parks.

The Board received notice of Eversource transmission line structure replacements. Various KP Law e-Updates were received.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King, Administrative Secretary