

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, November 26, 2019

Winton Pitcoff and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Winton was elected chair in Howard Bronstein's absence. The minutes of November 12, 2019 were accepted with a numerical amendment.

7:15 Tax Classification Hearing

Assistant Assessor Gina Papineau informed the Board of the Board of Assessors recommendation to adopt a single tax rate for FY'20. Gina explained being such a small town, Plainfield does not have a large enough business base for a double rate. Hilary moved to adopt a single tax rate per recommendation of the Board of Assessors for FY'20. The motion, seconded by Winton, was unanimously approved. The FY'20 tax rate is \$20.12.

The Assessors are in the process of converting to Patriot Properties software. Claude Dupont, Board of Assessors Chair, said Gina is doing an awesome job. It was also noted Ron Weeks, the newest member of the Board of Assessors, is very enthusiastic.

Resignation/Appointments

The Board accepted Tim Walter's resignation from the Finance Committee with regret and appreciation for his service.

Hilary moved to appoint David Alvord to the following positions through June 30, 2020: member of Emergency Management, member of the Master Street Address Guide Committee, and Hazardous Materials Officer. The motion was seconded by Winton and unanimously approved.

Other Business

The following statements by Fire Chief David Alvord and Cummington Fire Chief Adam Dragon after the recent fire at Ronald Wolf's in Cummington were read: Chief Alvord wrote, "This is the 2nd large structure fire we have been involved with in the past week (Ashfield last weekend). Plainfield Fire has been outstanding in response and effort in both incidents."

Chief Dragon wrote to Chief Alvord, "I cannot thank you enough for your help this morning and it does not go unnoticed! I personally cannot thank you enough with your help with command today."

Winton reported an application for the IT Grant was submitted. Due to the number of applications received, it is not yet known whether Plainfield will receive funding for networking its computers; Updating hardware and software will most likely not be funded.

Winton will forward Tim Walter's offer of assistance in getting the state to take over the plowing and maintenance of Rte. 116 to Howard.

The Board received a memo containing key points of the 5-year recycling contract hearing from Jack Nelson.

Chapter 90 reimbursement requests have been submitted to Boston for processing.

Notice of Schedule A approval was received from the Department of Revenue.

Hilary moved to pay KP Law invoice #123251 in the amount of \$227.69. The motion, seconded by Winton, was unanimously approved.

Hilary signed the FY'20 COA Formula Grant Contract.

The Board has no concerns with the 60-day reduction in the APR Project: Estate of Arthur C. Thatcher acquisition. The Board announced the project at their meeting of November 12, 2019.

Information on the Builders Risk Program was received from MIIA.

Miscellaneous mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary