

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, February 25, 2020

Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, and Hilary Weeks were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of February 11, 2020 were accepted as submitted.

Police Department

A conflict of interest statement was signed for the state on behalf of Chief Litchfield and Danielle Wright.

Justin stated he is working with the Finance Committee on the FY'21 Police Department budget.

When asked about the number of police calls, Justin reported 459 more than last year. He also shared a pie chart indicating the breakdown of calls and a graph showing the comparison of daily calls to those of last year.

A town by-law is being drafted authorizing fine amounts for violations and to provide for ticket monies to be retained by the Town.

Officers have been working towards the completion of in house required 40-hour training. Off-duty detail work is generating funds for cruiser use. (\$41,950 from January 2018-January 2019 with \$21,000 waived due to town-owned broadband construction.) As other area towns build broadband networks additional off-duty detail and cruiser revenue are anticipated.

Officials at the Swift River Addiction Campus have expressed interest in having an officer present during intake. However, that must be approved by North Carolina headquarters.

Grants are also being researched for vehicle replacement, improvements to Hathaway Hall, etc.

There was discussion regarding a recent Plainfield Post article in regard to publishing police and fire/EMS occurrences. Also discussed was the legality of signs limiting the use of engine brakes on Rte. 116.

The Town has been winning court proceedings for traffic tickets.

Old Business

IT Grant: Winton and Paula have met with Novus representatives and are awaiting their proposal as a follow up to that meeting. The number and cost of Town email addresses was a point of discussion.

MVP: Both PVPC and FRCOG have declined to assist with the engineering study for culverts for the MVP Action Grant. Howard will seek other alternatives.

MLP: Several technical sessions have been scheduled to assist broadband customers with any questions and issues related to broadband service. A telephone only option is being researched by the MLP.

Other Business

Winton moved to renew the 2020 Common Victualer License for Pub 116 and the 2020 Club Non-Profit License for the Ashfield Rod & Gun Club. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

The revised MRF contract effective July 1, 2020 was signed.

A letter in response to Amelia Dwyer's concerns of February 11th was drafted and will be sent.

Additional funds for the following FY'20 accounts were noted: Short Term Interest \$3,850(Broadband), \$9,500 Chapter 32B, Medicare \$1,600.

Notice of the FY'21 Hampshire Regional Lock-up Facility assessment of \$616 was received.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary