

Minutes of the Emergency Select Board & Board of Health Meeting
March 17, 2020
Continued from March 14, 2020

Select Board members Howard Bronstein, Winton Pitcoff, Hilary Weeks, Board of Health members Ellen Dupont, Linda Carver, David Crowell, and Police Chief Justin Litchfield were in attendance. The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

COVID 19

Governor Baker has not issued orders to “shelter in place” at this time. Public meetings are limited to groups of ten.

Temporary Staffing

David Alvord, Fire Chief, has the necessary supplies. Firefighters and EMS personnel are ready and prepared. Ellen Dupont noted PPE gowns have not yet arrived. Public Safety Building access is limited to firefighters and EMS personnel. Treasurer: Allan Kidston has adjusted his in-office schedule.

COA Director Sue Larock is concerned about the availability of supplies.

Otherwise all is well. Ellen Dupont suggested checks on the elderly.

Tax Collector: Heather is normally in the office alone on Fridays; Thursday evenings the Town Clerk, Buildings Commissioner, and the Collector share the same office hours. Howard will consult the Building Commissioner about sustaining permitting and inspection processes while maintaining safety.

Police Department: Chief Litchfield reported limited interaction with people and is talking with the public outside when necessary. The Police Department will maintain a presence by patrolling.

Highway Department is struggling.

Howard moved to approve the Town of Plainfield Temporary Staffing Policies as written by Winton. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. Howard will inform Custodian Bonnie Phillips to clean the Town Hall and Library once as those buildings are closed and to use care in cleaning the Town Offices.

State of Emergency

Using State of Emergency templates from MEMA and KP Law Howard drafted a Declaration of Emergency for Plainfield. In conversations with state legislators

Winton was informed voting a local State of Emergency is not necessary, but won't hurt. Having the document in place for potential MEMA/FEMA funding was discussed. Howard moved to sign the Declaration of Emergency. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Winton moved to ask the Town Clerk and Tax Collector not to penalize the public for late payments until the State of Emergency is lifted. The motion was seconded by Hilary and was unanimously approved.

Whip City Fiber has suspended in home installations.

There was a question whether or not the Rabies Clinic has been postponed.

Postponing the caucus, annual election, and town meeting were discussed. The Town clerk will be consulted regarding the number of days necessary for holding caucus prior to the election.

The Board has received numerous eUpdates from KP Law concerning elections, town meetings, etc.

Winton moved to cancel the March 24, 2020 Select Board meeting. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Winton moved to schedule the next Select Board meeting on April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Vendor and payroll warrants will be signed at the Town Offices.

The Select Board adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary