

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, August 10, 2021

Hilary Weeks, Rebecca Coletta, and Patrick Williamson were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of July 27, 2021 were accepted as submitted.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Walter Jennings informed the Board of the condition of West Hill Road after a beaver dam failure on July 29, 2021. The road was closed on the evening of July 29, 2021 due to the emergency; work was done to enable reopening the road on July 30th. A Chapter 90 Project Request has been approved for the cost of repairs in the event said repairs are not covered by MEMA.

The Chapter 90 project Request for a mini excavator and trailer in the amount of \$108,849.20 has been approved. The excavator is expected to be available for pick up soon. The trailer is on backorder due to COVID-19.

Work on the Rte. 116 funded by a MassWorks Grant has started. The project entails reclamation, grading, base coat, and top coat. The project is expected to be completed in mid-September.

East Longmeadow donated a FORD F150 pick-up to Plainfield.

An estimate for a key fob system for the Town's gas pumps was discussed. Such a system would provide more accountability for gasoline and diesel fuel use by department.

\$4,000 was the winning bid for the wood burning furnace at the Highway Garage. Sealed bids for advertised surplus equipment were opened at 7:13 p.m. Ronald Weeks was the sole bidder for each of the four vehicles. Hilary moved to accept the bids submitted by Ron Weeks as follows: 1986 Chevy pick-up \$231.00, 1995 Ford L8000 \$432.60, 1985 Case Loader \$5,012.36, Volkswagen Jetta \$27.86. The motion, seconded by Rebecca was unanimously approved.

Resignation

Hilary move to accept Dudley William's resignation from the MTRSD School Committee with regret and appreciation for his service. The motion, seconded by Patrick, was unanimously approved.

Other Business

After resubmitting the CARES Act Reconciliation Round application, funding for the municipal wide area network for town buildings was approved. It was noted this work must be completed and the system in service by October 29, 2021. Both Brian and Kimberly will be contacted.

American Recovery Plan Act funds originally allocated to counties categorized as “not units of general local governments” have been reallocated to municipalities in those counties. Plainfield’s ARPA funds total \$197,000 to be spent in accordance with Treasury’s Interim Final Rule.

Hilary has contacted and is waiting to hear from the State Building Inspector concerning questions in regard to a Building Commissioner and Local Inspector. Towns are no longer required to pay for the use of the Hampshire County Regional Lock-Up. The check in the amount of \$616.00 has been returned to the Town. Recommended revisions to BTE’s Host Community Agreement (HCA) were received from KP Law. Hilary will discuss the proposed revisions and any questions Rebecca and Patrick have with Attorney Doneski in mid-August. The Board will consider if this HCA might be used as a template for future applications.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary