

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, June 28, 2022

Hilary Weeks, Rebecca Colletta, and Patrick Williamson were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of June 14, 2022 were accepted as submitted.

MLP/Broadband

Patrick moved to appointment Lucas Suarez-orocho as manager of the Plainfield Light and Telecommunications Department effective July 1, 2022 per recommendation of Kimberly Longey, MLP Manager. The motion, seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved. Hilary moved to set the MLP manager's stipend at \$3,500. The motion, seconded by Rebecca, was unanimously approved. Lucas' training and orientation will begin July 1st.

The temporary broadband one year note process was discussed. The Finance Committee and other members of the finance team will meet to consider continuation of the temporary loan or conversion to a long-term note.

Treasurer Amelia Dwyer has agreed to Stripe account reconciliations in September.

Other Business

Hilary moved to sign the FY23 NOVUS IT support proposal for the Wide Area Network. The motion, seconded by Rebecca, was unanimously approved. "Help desk" support is being looked into. NOVUS was initially hired as the contractor for the IT Grant. The IT Grant deadline was extended due to COVID-19, lack of supplies, and changes in personnel. Hilary reported a conversation with Worthington resulted in the name and contact information for an IT service provider.

Kimberly Longey asked about Chief Litchfield's staffing plan for FY23. She also recommended evaluations for the Police Department.

Jerry Little invited interested parties to attend a meeting on July 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Walk Boston grant program to determine the feasibility of sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. to promote safe walking conditions for pedestrians in the center of Plainfield. The group will form in the area of the church and Town Hall parking lot. Jerry also noted the Plainfield walking maps are being printed and will be available for distribution shortly.

Hilary moved to pay KP Law invoice #137460 in the amount of \$610.46. The motion, seconded by Patrick, was unanimously approved.

An email from Dalila Alquist indicated her interest in working with other residents to introduce ideas for American Recovery Act Plan (ARPA) funds. Discussion centered around submitting a written plan to the Select Board. Patrick stated community input would be terrific. The deadline for APRA expenditures is December 2024. Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) for police officers is an eligible expense. Questions were asked as to whether the FY23 police salary budget would cover POST training. Ideas will be available for the August 9, 2022 meeting.

Correspondence

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has approved Plainfield's request to opt-out of Mosquito Spraying for 2022. A list of Mosquito Control Resources was provided.

The Board received a copy of the May Police Call Log.

Rebecca was thanked for her tenure on the Board.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary