

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, September 13, 2022

Patrick Williamson, Hilary Weeks, and Ben Gillett were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> were accepted as submitted.

### Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting will be held October 11, 2022 to provide for the following: FY22 Morton Salt invoices - \$19,114.52; FY22 AT&T FirstNet invoices - \$463.50; FY23 Telephone System Upgrade - \$17,500.00; FY23 Town Counsel Account - \$5,000.00. Additional funds may be needed for the Hallock Building heating system (Green Communities Project).

### Energy Committee

Peter Lapointe, reporting on behalf of the Energy Committee, updated the Board on the Hallock Building and Town Hall heating system projects. The contractor selected and with whom contracts were signed is unable to proceed without additional funds due to increases for the cost of materials. Peter also cited personnel issues. A new contractor has looked at both buildings estimating a lower price for the Hallock Building and a higher price for the Town Hall. The Town Hall system will not be replaced at this time. The Buildings Committee and the Energy Committee are working together to stay within the budget.

The Town Hall will require more heating oil than anticipated due to the change in plans.

### Whiting Street Fund

KP Law Attorney David Doneski has opined on the process for dissolution of the Whiting Street Fund. The fund can be closed and the balance given to another charitable entity. Information will be forwarded to Ellen Baer and Bob Persing. The question of public input on selecting a charity was asked.

### Other Business

Hilary moved to pay KP Law invoice #138289 in the amount of \$3,047.68. The motion, seconded by Ben, was unanimously approved.

A KP Law eUpdate on Equity of Cannabis Industry Marijuana Reform was

received. The Board will review the legislative changes in requirements for Host Community Agreements (HCA) before approving any new HCA applications. Hilary raised questions of the effect on current HCA's as well as looking into a bylaw. Ben agreed and will inform the new applicant of the situation.

The Board received information the newly formed Police Reform Insight Group, LLC.

Patrick asked Hilary and Ben for their comments on Peter Lapointe's letter concerning Chief Litchfield's performance. Hilary stated the content of the letter as being redundant to what is being addressed and that it will take time to complete that process. Ben stated the letter was well written adding there isn't enough information at this time. Patrick added he did not find the letter helpful; the Board is already aware of matters. He stated this is a busy period for interaction of the Board and the police department and until current matters are resolved much of the previous work is difficult to deal with. Patrick hopes the current issues will be resolved making it possible to work on previous issues. His response to the statement that it would be helpful if there was an idea of specifics related to the process indicated there are two classes of issues with the current issues being the most pressing and unable to be discussed. Patrick outlined the process to deal with the survey and recommendations. He noted, in reference to the former ad hoc committee, that some issues have become moot. The staffing plan, as described at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is in place. Patrols are centered around traffic and roads. The last hour of the chief's shift overlaps with the first hour of the deputy's shift. David Alvord was reappointed as Fire Chief in July.

The Highway Department reported vandalism to town road signs which will be paid for by those found responsible by the court.

The Board received a copy of the Division of Open Government's response to Bera Dunau's Open meeting Law complaint.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King  
Administrative Secretary