

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, November 14th, 2023

Ben Gillett, Hilary Weeks, and Judy Cole were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Highway Department and Police Department: Ben Gillett let everyone know that all of the paving is done. Judy explained another issue that had caused concern is that we might not get MassDOT road grants in the future. Judy met with Chief Litchfield and the MassDOT road boss for the Plainfield paving project. She said that the correct paperwork was submitted in 2018 (policies concerning payments for road detail i.e. police and/or flaggers who are managing the traffic for paving projects.) We have since then learned that we need to submit this paperwork every year (which was not understood when the new contract provisions were originally implemented.) The Select Board also needs to vote on the detail pricing in January of each year. Judy moved to the Select Board that they approve the Mass DOT Detail Pricing (which is the same as the Outside pricing with a few exceptions: MassDOT will not require a cruiser, won't accept a policy with a 4-hour minimum for shifts that go beyond 4 hours, and MassDOT will not pay an administrative fee. Each of these provisions are in the Town's outside pricing policy.) doesn't have a 4-hour minimum or an administrative fee.) Each of these provisions are in the Town's outside pricing policy.) The Select Board voted to approve and to submit the correct (2) copies to Chief Litchfield and to Mass DOT. The board voted unanimously to approve the detail pricing as well as the paperwork being submitted.

Pub 116 Alteration of Premises: Notification that Pub 116 would like to alter the premises by painting the dining room and reopening it to the public. Hilary moved to the Select Board to vote to approve the Alteration of Premises of Pub 116

application. The Board voted unanimously to approve the application. Judy mentioned that the Building Commissioner can appeal if there is an issue with this approval.

Email from Ellen Dupont, Agreement for Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant to be signed by Select Board: The Select Board signed the agreement.

KP Law Payment: \$792.96, Hilary Weeks made a motion to vote to pay the KP Law bill. The Select Board voted unanimously to pay the KP Law bill.

27 Broom Street: There will be a clarifying memo coming out from the Cannabis Commission in early December. We are currently unclear as to when the law actually took effect. Judy suggests waiting to see how other cases in the state are adjudicated before we move forward with a settlement or a law suit, our only other options if the pending court cases find against the other towns bringing suit.

Bow Street Update: Ben stated that Bow Street is in contempt of court and that the town has filed for another inspection. The owners of the Bow Street property have 30 days to comply.

Jack Nelson, Pleasant Street gave an update: This is the third attempt to enter the property, and even though they have been fined, they have not paid any of the fines nor have they paid any of their property taxes.

Miscellaneous Mail and Meeting Notices: Letter and map from Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) informing of new wayfinding signs for the Franklin County Bikeway. Ben informed everyone that they sent a map if anyone would like to look at it. No action required.

Other mail was reviewed. Warrants were signed.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Dry