

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, January 9th, 2024

Ben Gillett, Hilary Weeks, and Judy Cole were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of October 24th, 2023 and November 24th, 2023 were accepted as submitted with pending edits.

Highway Department: Walter Jennings

- 1.) Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Bid: Walter explained that it is time to renew the town's contract with FRCOG. Our current discounted rate is \$1,975 which covers Plainfield for paving, pipe, guardrails, salt, etc. A supplement will come later for heating oil and fuel. Walter explained that we "buy in" and pay extra because we aren't technically a part of Franklin County. The Select Board voted to renew the FRCOG contract and signed it.
- 2.) Intersection of South Street and Gloyd: The house on the corner has built a fence that is extremely close to the road. The plow trucks are having a difficult time getting through because of this. Walter is going to speak to the homeowner about moving it further away from the road.
- 3.) Warner Hill Road and Jones Ave. Dead End: Walter would like to have these roads classified as driveways rather than roads. He will do further research to see the process of doing this.
- 4.) Walter requested the Select Board's assistance at getting the Transportation Department's paystubs in from the treasurer on time and pointed out a clerical error. The error will be fixed.

Central Farm Garage License to be signed by Select Board: Hilary moved to vote to renew the license for Central Farm Garage. The Board voted unanimously to renew the license.

KP Law Payment: KP Law Payment: \$3,363.96, Hilary Weeks made a motion to vote to pay the KP Law bill. The Select Board voted unanimously to pay the KP Law bill.

Planning Board and Buildings Committee: Peter Lapointe

- Peter gave a Master Plan update and proposed to create a Steering Committee for the Master Plan. The Planning Board would like an endorsement to create a Steering Committee from the Select Board. The Steering Committee will bring the information on the Master Plan to town meetings and the Select Board. Peter is hopeful that outreach will generate enough interest in people to want to stay in the loop of the progress of the Master Plan. The Planning Board would like to communicate with all Boards and Committees to get everyone's input on a Master Plan. The Select Board expressed their support of creating a Master Plan Steering Committee.

Miscellaneous Mail:

-Letter from Mass Dot to certify that the Fair Share apportionment for the Fiscal Year 2024 is \$125,886 was reviewed and shared.

-Letter from KP Law to inform that the hourly rate for Town Counsel legal services will increase by \$10 to \$235 effective July 1st, 2024 was reviewed and shared.

Warrants were signed.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Dry