Minutes of the Select Board Meeting October 8th, 2024

Ben Gillett, Judy Cole, and Polly Ryan were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of September 22nd, 2024 were accepted as submitted.

 -Public Hearing:

Don Voner: Verizon Representative: Pole Hearing:

South Union Street: Place one (1) jointly owned pole numbered T.5S/E.36S on the west side of South Union Street at a point approximately one thousand one hundred forty-one (1141) feet southerly from the centerline of West Main Street; said pole to also be located approximately twenty-two (22) feet westerly (across South Union Street) from existing pole T.5/E.36.

Reason: This request is made to correct an existing pole-to-tree guying issue; and to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and the transmission for high and low voltage electric current.

The Select Board had a discussion with the Verizon representative and found no issues with the placement of the pole. Judy Cole moved that the Board vote to approve the installation of the pole. The board voted unanimously to approve the installation and the order was signed.

-Board of Assessors: Claude DuPont: There was a discussion about the challenges associated with possibly implementing a Split Tax Rate. Claude DuPont expressed that there are many misconceptions about a Split Tax Rate, and said that it will not raise any money for the town. Everyone agreed that more information is needed. The Finance Committee and members of the Select Board will attend the next Board of Assessors meeting to analyze the actual numbers and laws, how many businesses there are in town, and any other relevant information that needs to be further discussed.

-KP Law Bill: Judy Cole moved that the Board vote to approve the payment of $170.05 to KP Law. The Board voted unanimously to approve the payment.

-Broom Street: The Host Community Agreement for 27 Broom Street is up for renewal. Broom Street is in arrears on their property taxes and behind on payments for their Host Community Agreement. Judy Cole mentioned that the Cannabis Control Commission changed the rules regarding payments on Host Community Agreements at some point which possibly changed their payment requirements. Judy Cole moved that the Board vote to respond to their lawyers that Plainfield has reservations about signing the HCA and that the Select Board is willing to discuss further but not willing to sign at this time. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this. Further discussion on whether or not the Host Community Agreement will be renewed will take place at the October 22nd, 2024 Select Board meeting.

Miscellaneous Mail and Meeting Notices:

 -Email from Sally and Bob Silberberg regarding River Road Bridge. Ben Gillett read the email and said that Mark Hebert, the Highway Superintendent, is aware and is looking into it.

Warrants were signed.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Dry