

## Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, June 11, 2024

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

The minutes of May 14 & May 28, 2024 were accepted as submitted.

Dave Alvord, Fire Chief, asked the Select Board to vote on the Fire Departments recommendation to make Captain Rob Shearer the new Fire Chief effective July 1, 2024. The Chief noted Rob's extensive qualifications and his Plainfield roots making him an excellent candidate for the position. Judy moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Department to make Captain Rob Shearer the new Fire Chief effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the motion seconded by Hilary, was unanimously approved.

Recreation Committee member, Sandy Moran, was present to accept a letter from the Select Board authorizing the Dog Show in July. Some changes in wording will be made by Judy and the letter will be finalized on the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board discussed the renewal of the agreement with Novus Insight for FY25. Continuing to investigate other options and how to cancel with Novus was mentioned. Hilary moved to accept the FY' 25 quote from Novus Insight, the motion, seconded by Judy was unanimously approved.

### Other Business

Judy mentioned that once the Civic Plus website is online it will migrate the existing website information as is and then edits and updates from each department will happen over the course of the summer. The Board will need to have ongoing discussions about who will oversee the new website as it could be too much for the Executive Assistant to the Select Board position at this time.

Chief Litchfield was present to update the Board on the status of the police budget nearing the end of the fiscal year. There is \$15,000 surplus in salaries due to vacancy savings which he plans to apply to the deficit in the expense budget due to POST training. He also plans to use the money for the 5 hours of patrol time and apply it to the salary for Sgt. Thibeau, bringing it up to a more competitive rate.

Hilary announced that the Small Town Road improvements to enhance public safety (aka STRAP) Grant has been submitted for FY25 for funds to repair West St. The announcement from the state will be made in Oct/Nov 2024.

Hilary also mentioned that she sent a letter to Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa regarding West St and the trouble getting any action from Eversource to make repairs to the road damage directly caused by their trucks.

### Correspondence

The Board received a letter of resignation from Shannon Dry from the position of Executive Assistant. She stated she was willing to stay on until the position was filled or as long as it works for everyone. The Board accepted her resignation with thanks and regret.

A letter from CABOT Insurance offering "Public Safety Accident" coverage was received. A brief overview of the offer was discussed. Judy expressed an interest in looking into it further and bringing it back at a later date.

Other mail was reviewed.

Warrants were signed.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Weeks