

**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
3/15/2018, 6:00pm, Rhodes Building**

**Present:** Selectman Ribeiro, Selectman Martell, Chief Thomann, Stan Swiercz, Abbie Jenks, Cara Castenson, Judy Eiseman, Joan Epstein, Burt Franzman, Julie Rypsys, and Susannah Carey.

**Absent:** Selectman Pearson.

**Open:** Selectman Martell opened at 6:00pm.

**Minutes**

2/1/18 and 2/27/18 will be tabled until next meeting.

Motion to accept minutes from 2/21/18 as amended, seconded by Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes.

**Full time Police Officer – Chief Thomann**

Chief asking for full-time position. Department has 2 part-time supervisors retiring within 2 years.

Suggestion to increase part-time staffing as opposed to creating a full-time position and provide as much financial impact data as possible regarding Full time versus part time scenarios. Finance Committee supports the position.

**Elementary School Capital Requests – Cara Castenson**

School asking for \$11,250.00 for 45 chromebooks for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Motion to approve capital request for \$11,250.00 and take out of the Cable Franchise Account, seconded by Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes. Replacement of the Pelham School sign for \$5,500.00 was originally part of the capital request but will be included as a warrant article since the funds can't be drawn from the Cable Franchise Account.

**Funding Shay's Rebellion Talk and Additional Presentation of Shay's Rebellion – Tom Fanning**

UMass Professor to give presentation on June 4th at the Old Meeting House for Pelham's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. \$250.00 was received from Pelham Cultural Council grant. Tom is requesting the remaining \$250 from the Town. Motion to approve \$250.00 request to fund Shay's Rebellion talk with Professor Richards, seconded Selectman Martell, motion passes.

Tom Fanning asked Select Board if Town wanted a repeat presentation of his November 2017 Shay's Rebellion presentation. Selectman Ribeiro offered support of his presentation as part of the 275<sup>th</sup> celebration. No decision was made at this time.

**Indirect Cost Allocation Agreement**

Motion to sign and approve Indirect Cost Allocation Agreement, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

**Assessment Method Warrant Article and Budget/Assessment Method Amount for Regional School**

Motion to accept Regional School Assessment method for warrant, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

Motion to approve budget/assessment method as listed, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

#### **Eversource Contract for Lighting Systems & Sensors Number Refresh**

Replacement of current lighting with LED lighting. Quote received in 2017 expired. Tonight's contract would request new quote. Motion to sign contract for Eversource to refresh quote, seconded by Selectman, motion passes.

#### **Warrant Articles**

##### *Energy Committee:*

- Article to hire engineer consultant will be added to warrant.
- Resolution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Stan Swiercz. Motion to approve and add Resolution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to warrant, seconded by Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes.

##### *Town Clerk :*

- To digitize records and preserve (figures to be inserted when received)
  - To transfer money from dog licenses to Library (Gail will be consulted if needs to be on warrant)
  - To adopt MGL c.41 section 110A stating Saturdays as holidays with no office hours for Town Clerk.
- Motion to approve Town Clerk articles, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

##### *CPC:*

- \$45,000 for handicap ramp & interior renovations at Community Hall
  - \$25,000 to create community pavilion & purchase movable soccer goals
- Motion to approve CPC articles, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

##### *Planning Board:*

Two articles presented for Proposed Zoning Bylaw changes for Village Center. Motion to accept Village Center Zoning Bylaws and warrant articles, seconded by Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes.

Warrant Article from Julie Rypsys, Joan Epstein, and Burt Franzman of 133 & 135 Shutesbury Road requesting up to \$6,000 to cover costs to be included in the Town of Shutesbury's broadband services, since these 2 houses are not included in Pelham's upcoming broadband extension. Motion to add warrant article from Shutesbury Road residents to town meeting warrant, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

Citizen Petition from Michael Hussin to approve bylaw for protecting those who live and visit Pelham from Federal enforcement of immigration. Bylaw presented follows The Safe Communities Act, which was approved at Pelham's 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Motion to accept citizen petition from Michael Hussin, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

Resolution from Roger Conant Supporting State and Federal Legislation to give transparency in Political donations and limit influence of money in Politics. Motion to add resolution from Roger Conant to warrant, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

Town Officials-no comment.

Public Comment-none.

### **Liaison Reports**

Highway; tabled.

Fire; Selectman Martell; everything ok.

Police; Selectman Martell; all is good.

Energy; tabled.

Finance; Selectman Martell; Elementary and Regional School budget meeting on 3/5/18. Pelham's budget increase of ~\$37,000. Regional School budget is ~\$88,000 less than last year. The APRSD contract figures will bump up next year due to the 5 year rolling average. New full-time position requested for Police. Recommendation to add to article 4. 16 people attended the Financial presentation on 3/3/18.

Library; Selectman Ribeiro; nothing to report.

Elementary School; Selectman Ribeiro; budget and preschool discussions ongoing. New facilities manager, James McPherson.

Regional School; Selectman Ribeiro; Vote on Assessment & budget method and approve capital plan.

Revisiting safety concerns because of heightened security needs. Walk out last Wednesday. Curriculum on equity training. RS not in favor of Charter School Expansion. ~~New facilities manager, McPherson.~~

### **Old Business**

Website & Laserfiche grants are complete. Motion to sign completion letters to DLS, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

Motion to sign letter for Insurance Dividends to apply to premium credit, seconded by Selectman Martell, motion passes.

Municipal Aggregation Update-Town not contractually obligated to Colonial Power.

Idea to have Town Meeting set up differently than previous years. All boards/committees/groups will be in cafeteria for equal exposure.

Select Board report added to 2017 book.

MVP workshop responses coming in slowly.

### **New Business**-none.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, seconded Selectman Ribeiro, motion passes.

### **Documents Reviewed**

Elementary School Capital Requests, Indirect Cost Allocation Agreement, Eversource Contract quote refresh, Warrant Articles, Citizen Petitions, Statement letter from Shutesbury Road residents, Grant Letters of Completion, Insurance letter for dividend.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey