

Select Board Meeting Minutes

5/19/2021 7pm Via ZOOM

Present: Select Board members David Shanabrook and Tara Loomis, Susannah Carey, and Robert Rowell.

Absent: Select Board Chair Robert Agoglia.

Open: Select Board Vice-Chair David Shanabrook opened at 7:00pm. Remote script read aloud by Susannah Carey. All board members confirmed present.

Minutes

Minutes will be tabled until 6/2/21 meeting. There is a lack of quorum to vote on the 5/5/21 minutes with Select Board member Robert Agoglia absent. Select Board member David Shanabrook was in agreeance with the edits suggested.

Re-Organize Board, Liaisons, Committee Representatives

Select Board members decided to table until 6/2/2021.

Authorization of FRCOG Fuel Bid

Highway Superintendent Rick Adamcek recommended that the Select Board award bids for heating oil for Sandri for rack price and award diesel to Burke for rack price. Rick was not in favor of fixed pricing. Susannah will submit to FRCOG tomorrow. Motion to award FRCOG heating oil bid to Sandri for rack price and award diesel bid to Burke for rack price, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, motion passes.

Appointment of New Community Garden Committee Member, Chris Bain

Tabled until letter of intent received.

Request for Sidewalks on Amherst Road

Sophia Gergerly was not present to speak to her issue here. Suggestion to contact Planning Board regarding sidewalks.

Reviewing the Opt-Out Mosquito Application

Suggestion to include additional outreach item specifying notification/outreach through the CodeRed Alert System if allowed. BoH will be able to review after 5/24/21.

Town Officials

Robert Rowell, Board of Assessors Chair; Request for re-opening plan for municipal buildings and for general tidying of spaces inside the Rhodes Building used for meetings.

David Shanabrook, Select Board Clerk; Conversation about ransomware with Robert Rowell that will be shared and general awareness to everyone that new attacks are around.

Public Comment

Robert Rowell-Question who manages the open woods in Pelham if any fires on watershed, 61B, and conservation land, etc. Select Board member Tara Loomis will consult with Fire Chief.

Liaisons

Building Inspector; Select Board member Tara Loomis; no report.

Fire Department; Select Board member Tara Loomis; Town has received Chief Murphy's official resignation as Fire Chief. Chief Murphy will transition into his new position as Fire Administrator in the new fiscal year.

Highway Department; Select Board member Robert Agoglia not present.

Police Department; Select Board member David Shanabrook; Incoming money from the State for COVID is around \$384,000. No official notice received in the town offices yet. Chief Thomann would like to use some of the money to cover training of his part-time officers that is required by the new police reform bill that passed and for software upgrades.

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia not present.

Tree Warden; Select Board member David Shanabrook; no report.

Old Business

New Dump Truck-Highway Superintendent Rick Adamcek has been working on the specs for the dump truck procurement which will go out to bid in a couple of weeks.

Pavilion at School/Library-David Litwak was requesting the status of the pavilion. It was noted that the money to fund the pavilion was approved at a previous town meeting.

Time Reserved for Topics the Chair Did Not Reasonably Anticipate

It was noted that in-person meeting may be coming to an end soon given the Governor beginning to lift certain orders that were put in place due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Next meeting: June 2, 2021 7pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:28pm, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, motion passes.

Documents Examined

FRCOG bid language, Mosquito Opt-Out Application.

Respectfully Submitted, Susannah Carey