

Select Board Meeting Minutes 12/2/2020 7pm Virtual via ZOOM

Present: Select Board members Robert Agoglia, Tara Loomis, and David Shanabrook (7:40pm), Steven Bommer and Barbara Cooper, Abigail Jenks, John Hondrogen, Robert Rowell, Ralph Faulkingham, William Pula, and Susannah Carey.

Open: Select Board Chair Robert Agoglia opened at 7:00pm. Remote script read aloud. All board members confirmed presence. All participants recognized.

Annual Tax Classification Hearing – 7:00pm

Motion for single tax rate, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, motion passes.

Motion to not have open space exemption, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, motion passes.

Motion to not have residential exemption, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, motion passes.

Motion to not have small commercial exemption, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, motion passes.

Continuation of Discussion about Reporting Relationships for Certain Town Positions

Paid positions in Town that lack supervision; Building Inspector, Gas Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Tree Warden. Discussion tabled until 12/16/20 meeting.

Cadwell Street, Jones Road, & South Valley Road Residents Initiative to Extend Sewer Line

Village Center residents interested exploring what it would take to extend the sewer line to Cadwell, Jones, and South Valley. William Pula, who has knowledge of engineering investigated types of sewer systems, looked at initial designs with connection points, learned of cost for installation and Gravity system option. Bill also has contacts at USDA and can request information about the rural water program. Residents request the Select Board to support initiative and start conversations with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and the Town of Amherst regarding sewer line extension. Two State grants; Massworks, Small Town Rural Development; identified that may provide financial assistance to Pelham. The financial side and who should burden the costs of the project are the main concerns. South Valley Road resident Steven Bommer met with the Town of Amherst a few years back about the potential sewer project. The project would be Pelham's responsibility and not the Town of Amherst. The 2019 water main break at the intersection of South Valley and Amherst Road will eventually be fixed by digging up the road, which would be an ideal time to pair with the sewer line extension project. Pelham Superintendent of Public Works, Rick Adamcek, is continuing to stay in communication with Amherst about the water line replacement. The next steps for the Select Board would be to communicate with the Town of Amherst and PVPC for assistance.

Resolution recognizing Sandra Burgess's Outstanding Work for the Election

Select Board would like to recognize Sandra for the effort she put forth for the 2020 Primary and Presidential/State Election. Motion to compose formal resolution in appreciation and recognize Sandra Burgess who went above and beyond accepting ballots for early voting and for the Primary and Presidential/State Elections, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Request for ZOOM Account for Board/Committee Use

Finance Committee Chair request for ZOOM account giving upcoming budget meetings. Motion to purchase two ZOOM accounts to be used by all boards/committees/staff, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

MassDEP Private Wells PFAS Sampling Program

MassDEP memo about well sampling program selecting private wells in Pelham to be tested. Bill Pula will speak with Quabbin Health District about the testing. If Pelham could choose which wells to be tested, then the Rhodes Building, DPW, and Old Town Hall locations would be at the top of that list.

Minutes

Motion to approve 11/13/20 minutes, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, motion passes.

Motion to approve 11/18/20 minutes, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, motion passes.

Town Officials

Board of Assessor's Chair still investigating 73 acres of land unaccounted for on Daniel Shays Highway; Notification about Assessor Assistant being out of the office for two weeks.

Public Comment-none.

Liaison Reports

Fire Department; Select Board member Tara Loomis; no report.

Highway Department; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Quotes have been received for installation of an ERV system in the Rhodes Building, Rick is out of the office this week and next week.

Police Department; Select Board member David Shanabrook; Pelham Police Officers working road details are wearing masks.

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; June is working remotely due to possible Covid exposure, Sandra tested positive for Covid and is quarantining, VRF pre-construction meeting 12/14 at 10am at Community Building.

Old Business

ERV Updates- Project for improving air quality in the Rhodes Building. For projects under \$50k towns can, without bidding, engage at least three qualified vendors; TJ Conway, Sandri, Whiting, Sumner, ASM Sheet Metal. Only ASM from West Hatfield could complete installation by December 30, 2020, which is the CARES Act grant deadline for projects to be installed and operational. Aaron, owner of ASM, has worked in Pelham before and received good recommendations from the Pelham Highway Superintendent, Sumner, and owner of J. Corbett Home Exteriors. Proposed quote from ASM was around \$15,264 which does not include additional electrical work associated.

Motion to award contract to install ERV system in the Rhodes Building to ASM Sheet Metal, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous. Susannah Carey will contact town counsel for a contract.

Administrative Assistant Updates- Amy Rusiecki of Town of Amherst would like to speak with Select Board on 12/16 about Centennial Water Treatment Plant project; VRF contract is with counsel and when it returns will be sent to Adams P&H; Clerk of the Works contract request with town counsel; Four-town meeting December 5th, John Trickey will attend; Capital Planning Meeting on December 16th; Fall insurance review Monday December 7th; Susannah will be attending Women Leading Government webinar on December 10th; Upcoming virtual MMA conference, Robert and David would like to attend and Tara has requested the information; SC attended FEMA webinar this morning for updates and has not heard back yet about the first FEMA grant.

Computers from Smith College-Robert Rowell is updating the computers to Windows 10; Reminder about inquiry with Tech 1 Computers about town-wide windows and windows office.

Adjournment-Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Documents Examined-None.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey