

Select Board Meeting Minutes 6/16/2021 7pm Rhodes Building

In-Person: Select Board members Robert Agoglia and David Shanabrook, Susannah Carey, Robert & Otis Rowell.

Remote: Police Chief Gary Thomann and Select Board member Tara Loomis.

Open: Select Board Chair Robert Agoglia opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Remote participants confirmed.

Time Reserved for Topics the Chair Did Not Reasonably Anticipate

Remote Participation-The Select Board would like to be able to provide board/committee members greater flexibility now and beyond the extension of certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency and extended out. The Board would like to authorize remote participation in the Town of Pelham.

Motion by the Select Board to authorize Board/Committees to allow for remote participation by board/committee members so long as there is a quorum present in-person, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, Tara Loomis abstains, motion passes.

Minutes 6/2/2021

Motion to approve the 6/2/2021 minutes, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Appointment of New Part-Time Officer

Briana Yusko will fill the last vacancy for the Department. Currently there are 13 total officers plus two constables. Motion to appoint Briana Yusko as part time police officer, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Solar Feedback Sign-Police Chief Thomann purchased the permanent solar speed sign approved by the 2020 annual town meeting and is working with Rick Adamcek, Highway Superintendent, on pole location. Suggestion to include Enfield and Packardville Rd in the portable speed sign rotation. The portable speed sign currently posted on Harkness Rd has become a welcome addition.

Appointment of Community Preservation Committee Conservation Representative

The Select Board did not have a candidate identified but Dana MacDonald, Conservation Commission Chair, had someone in mind and will contact them.

FY2022 Re-Appointment for Board/Committee Members

Chair Robert Agoglia read the list aloud for FY22 board/committee member re-appointments.

**All re-appointments are for 1 year unless otherwise specified*

Motion to appoint Gail Weiss as Accounting Officer, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Anne Stoddard, Roy Regozin, Jessica Jean-Louis, Jacqueline Faison, Karen Willard- Ribeiro, Matteo Ramos-Mucci, Pat Schumm to the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint David Waskiewicz as Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Richard Hall and Robert Rowell to the Cable Advisory Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Highway Superintendent Richard Adamcek, Fire Administrator Raymond Murphy, Finance Committee Chair John Trickey, Police Chief Gary Thomann, Planning Board Chair Judith Eiseman, and School Committee Chair Sarah Hall to the Capital Planning Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint June Massee as Tax Collector and Treasurer, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Cydnie Reiman, Abigail Jenks, Susan Tippit, and Wendi Weinberg to the Community Garden Committee.

Motion to appoint Linda Hanscom to the Community Hall Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Barbara Cooper, Joseph Larson, Judith Eiseman, and Richard Fanning as members and James Lumley as an at-large appointed member for the Community Preservation Committee, (Conservation Commission member TBD) aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Janice Gifford to a 3-year term on the Conservation Commission, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Isabel Ryavec and Tracy Osbahr to 3-year terms on the Council on Aging, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Roman Kucinski and Steven Hughes as Constables, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Andrea Kandel and Nora Maroulis to 3-year terms on the Cultural Council, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Susannah Carey as Disability Access; ADA Coordinator; Recycling Coordinator, and as the Select Board Administrative Assistant, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Nancy Long as the Dog Officer, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Ronald Shepard as Electrical Inspector and Douglas Rae as Assistant Electrical Inspector. aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Police Chief Gary Thomann as Chief Constable & Emergency Management Director, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint John Larsen for a 3-year term on the Energy Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Joseph Larson and Bruce Klotz as Fence Viewers, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Andrew French as Gas & Plumbing Inspector, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Richard Adamcek as Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and Highway Department Superintendent.

Motion to appoint Stephen Bell as Public Health Director, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.(Health Inspector TBD)

Motion to appoint Tilman Lukas, Barbara Cooper, Ruth Elcan, Gail Kenny, James Lumley, and Amy Spalding-Fecher to the Housing Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Judith Eiseman as Pioneer Valley Planning Commission representative and Alexandra Dewey as alternate Pioneer Valley Planning Commission representative, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Lieutenant Kevin Fournier Sr., Sergeant Derick Lamoureux, Richard Downie, Todd Mongeon, Jared Tivnam, Robert Thrasher, Connor Parnell, Sean Conner, Peter Michaels, Steven Hughes, and Kevin Quesnel as Pelham Police Officers. aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Patricia Olanyk as Temporary Records Access Officer, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Sandra Burgess as Town Clerk, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Motion to appoint Steven Connor as Veterans' Service Officer, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Review & Approve FY2022 Police & Fire Accident Insurance Renewal

Motion to approve the FY22 Police & Fire Accident Insurance Renewal, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Continued Re-Opening Discussion of Town Buildings

Bruce Klotz is looking at internet connection options for Community Hall.

Re-Vote FRCOG Highway Bids

Error with previous bids awarded as well as a name change for one of the bidders.

Motion to award FRCOG Highway bids for:

H-5 Culvert Products Award for Renew Only, H-6 Guard Rail & Posts (Products Only-Delivered) Award to Premier Fence, H-7 Hot Mix Asphalt Picked Up, H-14 Rubberized Chip Seal Applied Awards to All States Construction, Inc., & H-23 Catch Basin Cleaning to J.R. Sweeping aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Old Business

Line Painting-Discussion about extending the narrow line painting for the entire length of Amherst Road in an effort to slow traffic and provide a larger bike/pedestrian lane. The Select Board agreed that it would be most effective to only have the narrow travel lanes in the Village Center on Amherst Road.

American Rescue Plan Act-Paperwork to be submitted for payment request of \$384k.

Sewer/Water Extension-Eric Weiss of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be researching the additional COVID funding to see if those could potentially pay for the design work required for the extension of the sewer/water line project.

Pelham Hill Church/Museum Painting Bid-Bid opening today with two bids received. Rick Adamcek has recommended Northeast Painting of Northampton who was the lowest bidder. Motion to award Northeast Painting of Northampton the bid for the Pelham Hill Church/Museum painting for \$58,740.00, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Town Officials

Police Chief Gary Thomann met with the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee this afternoon.

Public Comment

Robert Rowell-Suggestion that the Town inquire with Nancy Blackmer, Town Clerk in the Town of Orange, about electronic voting devices used at their last town meeting which was paid with COVID funds. The devices could offer a more private vote on contentious articles.

David Litwak-Enjoys connecting remotely for meetings.

Liaison Reports

Building Inspector; Select Board member Tara Loomis; Both Harkness and Buffam Road issues continuing. Dave Waskiewicz is preparing a paper trail of actions and responses so the Town is prepared to respond.

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

Highway Department; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; There was condensation leaking into the Library due to loose connections. Contractor Adams Plumbing & Heating has since fixed the issue. Both the ground floor and attic were affected by the lack of dehumidification and it was discovered that the old system was disconnected. Outside air flow was reduced as a temporary fix.

Police Department; Select Board member David Shanabrook; no report.

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Summer Slate articles requested. Pelham Hill Church/Museum painting bid opened today. Suggestion from Tech One Computers to purchase three new surge protectors for the town office building after the wireless box was damaged due to the recent thunderstorm.

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

Next Meeting: July 21, 2021 at 7:00pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:49pm, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Documents Examined

FY22 re-appointment list, FRCOG highway bid re-votes, FY22 Accident Insurance Quote, Briana Yusko resume, minutes 6/2/21.

Respectfully Submitted, Susannah Carey