

Select Board Meeting Minutes

7/21/2021 7pm Rhodes Building & via ZOOM

Present: Select Board members Robert Agoglia and Tara Loomis, William Pula, Robert & Otis Rowell, Tracy Osbahr, and Susannah Carey.

Remote Connection: Select Board member David Shanabrook, and Richard Seelig, Conservation Commission.

Open: Select Board member Robert Agoglia opened the meeting at 7:00pm. All town officials and public introduced. All members confirmed present.

Minutes 6/16/2021

Motion to accept minutes as amended from 6/16/2021, seconded, unanimously approved.

Recommendation from CoA for Potential Candidate to Fill Outreach Worker Position

Chair Tracy Osbahr and CoA members recently interviewed candidates for position. Sally Kaufmann is being recommended due to her previous work experience as an occupational therapist and planning consultant with experience working in post-acute care. Sally is newly retired and lives in Pelham. She is willing to support residents in-person at municipal buildings and at home. Tracy will be in contact with Susannah Carey for outstanding documents/contracts. CORI check will be performed by Police Department. Motion to appoint Sally Kaufmann as Pelham's Outreach Worker, seconded, unanimously approved.

Consider Support for Green Future Act H.3292

Chair Robert Agoglia contacted by Carrie Katan, Massachusetts Organizer for Climate Xchange Education & Research. Carrie is reaching out to municipalities for letters of support for the legislation which supports green infrastructure projects. Other local cities/towns include Northampton and Greenfield.

Veterans' Inter-Municipal Agreement FY22

Motion to approve the FY22 Veterans' Inter-Municipal Agreement, seconded, unanimously approved.

FY22 Mosquito Spraying Denial Letter from EEA

Letter from EEA Secretary Kathleen Theoharides denying Pelham's opt-out application. State Representatives have become involved due to the high number of denial letters to various cities/towns in the Commonwealth as this is the first year that municipalities were offered the chance to opt-out. One option for Pelham for FY22 is to reach out to Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District for membership which would include monitoring mosquitoes with traps, etc.. One flat rate of \$5k per year with additional a la carte services. Membership requires Town Meeting approval. Conservation Commission is strongly opposed to spraying activities. Currently there is no spraying that occurs in Pelham for mosquitoes.

Town Officials-none.

Public Comment-none.

Liaison Reports

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

Fire Department; Select Board member Tara Loomis; weather has been keeping the department very active with fire on Gulf Rd.

Highway Department; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Rick has been overseeing Boyden Rd gravel & fabric project and Gulf Rd paving. HVAC project punch list of repairs continue and first floor moisture mitigation has improved. Upcoming meeting with RW Hall Consulting Engineers to ensure projects process and completion.

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

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Slate being finalized. Electrical Inspector, Ron Shepard, will be sent a letter asking if he would like to continue serving as Pelham's Electrical Inspector and include a reminder to check mailbox in Rhodes Building monthly in light of the recent resignation of the Assistant Electrical Inspector, Douglas Rae. Training session with Tax Collector/Treasurer June Massee will be coming in August for Board/Committee members.

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

Old Business

Re-Appointment Request-Motion to re-appoint Charlie Lynch to the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, seconded, unanimously approved.

Request from ARAC-Recommendation from June 28, 2021 memo for town employee training. Discussion to follow on 8/4/21.

HubTech Cybersecurity Report-August 2/3/4 available for discussion for IT Assessment.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, seconded, unanimously approved.

Documents Examined

Minutes 6/16/21, EEA denial letter mosquito spraying, inter-municipal agreement and rates, green future act.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey