

## Select Board Meeting Minutes

9/2/2020 7:00pm Virtual via ZOOM

**Present:** Select Board members Robert Agoglia, Tara Loomis & David Shanabrook, Susannah Carey, Stacy McCullough, Robert Rowell, and Karen Ribeiro.

**Open:** Select Board Chair Agoglia opened the meeting at 7:01pm. Remote meeting script read aloud by Susannah Carey. All Select Board members confirmed present and all attendees were introduced.

### Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from 8/19/2020 as amended, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

### Community Choice Energy Updates, Joint Powers Agreement and Joint Powers Entity Process-Karen Ribeiro

Originally a broker method was used to help with the CCE proposal and planning but did not prove advantageous for the three towns. In turn, a different method was developed called the Joint Powers Entity (JPE) and Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) representing the three municipalities; Northampton, Amherst, Pelham. Both JPE and JPA working groups meet weekly to map out how to best represent each town. The CCE and work being done are supported by the Rocky Mountain Institute. Once the JPE is defined and formed then the aggregation portion can begin. The Town of Amherst is providing support to Pelham and sharing information/documents obtained from town counsel (KP Law). There is a sense of urgency to use the \$50k grant money local Representatives secured. At this point the legal formation of the JPE is anywhere from 6-18 months with an additional 6 months for completion of the JPA.

### Town Officials

Robert Rowell, Board of Assessor's Chair- Security Audit meeting being scheduled.

**Public Comment**-none.

### Liaison Reports

Fire Department; Select Board member Tara Loomis; succession discussion on 9/16 with SB.

Highway Department; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Lines will be painted from Arnold Rd to Amherst line on Amherst Rd as well as posting thickly settled and crosswalk signage.

Police Department; Select Board member David Shanabrook; monthly report will be coming soon; discussion regarding Qualified Immunity for 9/16/20 with Chief of Police, MMA supports legislation to eliminate QI.

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Conversation with Town Clerk regarding 9/1/20 Election, mail in ballots, and article for Fall Slate with clear language describing how mail in ballot process works, etc. Comment from Select Board member David Shanabrook regarding USPS ability to deliver mail in ballots and verification that votes are counted. Town Clerk will check with AG's office about Fall Town Meeting opening and moving to another location, etc.

**Old Business**

Susannah Carey has call out to AG's office asking for clarification with bid process for Community building HVAC project given its current bid 'holding period' due to the need for additional funding from Fall Town Meeting.

**Time Reserved**-none.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

**Documents Examined**

Minutes 8/19/2020.

Respectfully Submitted, Susannah Carey