

Select Board Meeting Minutes 8/19/2020 7pm Virtual via ZOOM

Present: Select Board members Chair Robert Agoglia, Vice-Chair Tara Loomis, and Clerk David Shanabrook, Roy Regozin, Carla Trosino-Laramy from Eversource, Tony Rogers, Karen Wemokly, Judy Eiseman, Daniel Robb, Robert Rowell, and Susannah Carey.

Open: Chair Robert Agoglia opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Remote meeting script read aloud by Susannah Carey. All Select Board members confirmed present.

Minutes – 8/5/2020

Motion to approve minutes from 8/5/2020 as amended, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Pole Request from Eversource for Installation on Harkness Road

Eversource representative described the installation of 3 new mid span poles to be added due to additional conductors in that area on Harkness Road. No houses are located on the side the poles are to be installed. Harkness Road neighbors present (Regozin, Wemokly) had no objections but wondered why residents in the past had not been notified prior to other planned work by Eversource. Planning Board Chair Judy Eiseman would like to discuss with Eversource underground wires in the Village Center.

Motion to approve installation of three new poles as requested on Harkness Road as provided in documents, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Vote on Fall Special Town Meeting

The Select Board voted the date for FTM on 8/5/2020 but not the time and location. Discussion included opening meeting at Old Town Hall then adjourning to different location, lighting & tent for nighttime meeting, weather and bugs at night, holding the meeting on a different day and time, number of warrant articles expected, amending fall town meeting calendar. Motion to hold special town meeting on October 24, 2020 at 9:00am at the Old Town Hall then adjourn to the Pelham School with warrant articles submission date be changed to September 14, 2020 and amend other dates on calendar as necessary, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Remediating Speed on Amherst Road in Village Center

Key to remediating speed in VC is to narrow the travel lanes. So far the town has posted a speed feedback sign in the Village Center and learned from MA Highway that the town could further reduce the travel lane from 11.5ft to 10ft. The cost to remove the white thermoplastic lines entirely in the VC are very expensive. The Town could wait until lines fade then incorporate new signs and strip, and possibly even a crosswalk in the VC on Amherst Road. Although the VC has official designation, the speed can't be reduced without the town conducting an engineering study. The Planning Board is in favor on narrowing the traffic lanes. Motion to approve painting lines to narrow travel lanes from intersection of Amherst Road and Arnold Road to the town line to ten feet, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Vote to Award Bid for Old Town Hall Painting

Motion to award Northeast Painting of Northampton, MA the Old Town Hall Painting bid award for \$48,200.00, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Community Preservation Committee will be notified of the project award.

Appointment of Judy Eiseman to Capital Planning Committee

Motion to appoint Judy Eiseman to Capital Planning Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Vote to Award Bids for VRF Project for Pelham Community Building

General Contractor and Sub-Contractor bids received. The total for the project after applying grants and funds appropriated from town meeting is short about \$42,000. The town therefore would need create a warrant article for the Fall Town Meeting warrant. The bids must be awarded within thirty days of bid opening as required by the State. Town has option to accept bids tonight contingent that the funds requested at Fall Town Meeting are appropriated, or re-bid the project. Both the Energy Committee and Select Board agreed to move the process forward, accept bids, and lock in the pricing to show the town's commitment. Motion to accept bids for VRF project at Community building and award General Contractor to Adams Plumbing & Heating Inc. for \$438,500 and Sub Contractor to Icon West Corporation for \$30,900 subject to appropriation of funds at Fall Town Meeting, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Old Business

Reducing Committee Size-The Energy Committee is interested in reducing number of members from five to three. Recently it has been difficult to get a quorum (currently all 3 members) to have discussions and make decisions about the VRF project. Motion to reduce members from five to three on the Energy Committee, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Appointment of Interested Candidates for Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

Fifteen total requests to join committee received. Select Board impressed with response to postcard sent and would like to not turn away anyone interested in serving. The group could meet and determine how they want to organize. One Select Board member should join the meeting to act as a resource. A response to all candidates appointed will be drafted.

Motion to appoint:

Charlie Lynch, 8 North Valley Road

Cydnie Reiman, 11 Country Lane

Charles Rizzuto, 25 Buffam Rd

Agnes McCraven, 37 Buffam Rd

Carmen Leah Ascencio, 13 South Valley Rd

Joseph Davis, 338 Daniel Shays Hwy

Jacqueline Faison, 12D Boyden Rd

Matteo Ramos-Mucci, no address provided

aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Roy Regozin, 116 Harkness Road

Daniel Robb, 37 Amherst Road

Pat Schumm, 16 North Valley Rd

Anne Stoddard, 63 Butterhill Rd

Jessica Jean-Louis, 14 Gulf Rd

Jacob Berkowitz, 8 Bray Ct

Karen Willard-Ribeiro, 10 Bray Ct

Vote to Sign Veterans' Inter-Municipal Agreement

Motion to sign the veterans' services inter-municipal agreement, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Liaison Reports

Fire Department; Select Board member Tara Loomis; Succession discussion with SB in September including financial implications.

*Select Board member Tara Loomis left the meeting.

PD; Select Board member David Shanabrook; no report.

Highway; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Village Center report on road/speed.

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; auction at 18 Daniel Shays Highway and Packardville Road happened earlier today.

Complaint from Dean Brown about Dog Owned by Residents at 6 Country Lane

SB received another complaint from Mr. Brown. Nancy Long, Pelham ACO, reached out to Mr. Brown about the complaint towards the Wasserman/Plotkin family dog. ACO should follow protocol for all residents with initial warning, fines, then removal of animal.

Town Officials-no comments.

Old Business

-Space Needs Committee work has ceased. Request to reconvene the committee to re-engage in their task assigned by the Select Board.

-Meeting will be scheduled for the Security Audit report completed by Tech One Computers.

Time Reserved for Topics the Chair Did Not Reasonably Anticipate-none.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:55pm, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, roll call motion passes.

Documents Examined

Minutes 8/5/2020, pole request from Eversource, Old Town Hall bid, VRF bids, Candidates for Advisory Committee, Veterans inter-municipal agreement.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey