

Select Board Meeting Minutes

11/4/2020 7:00pm Virtual via ZOOM

Present: Select Board members Robert Agoglia, Tara Loomis, and David Shanabrook, Bray Court residents Maria Varriale and Peter Nolan, Energy Committee members Anthony Rogers and Randall Spalding Fecher, Robert Rowell, and Susannah Carey.

Open: Select Board Chair Robert Agoglia opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Remote meeting script read by Susannah Carey. All board members and all public confirmed presence.

Minutes-Motion to approve minutes as amended for 10/21/2020, aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Bray Court Speeding & Signage Request

Request from residents on Bray Court for 'Children at Play' and 'No Outlet' signage. Recently there have been cars observed to be speeding up and down the road. Concern for children who live and play on that road. Motion to approve signage request for Bray Court asking DPW to obtain and install signage, 'no outlet' and 'children at play,' aye Robert Agoglia, aye David Shanabrook, aye Tara Loomis, roll call unanimous.

Time Reserved for Items the Chair Did Not Anticipate

James Lumley has expressed interest in filling the vacant at-large appointed position on the Community Preservation Committee, which was previously held by Eric Castenson. Motion to appoint James Lumley to the CPC at-large appointed vacant seat, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Town Officials-Robert Rowell, Election Warden for 11/3, stated that voter turnout was about 95% in Pelham. Exact figure can be obtained from Town Clerk.

Public Comment-none.

Liaison Reports

Fire Department; Select Board member Tara Loomis; Continued discussion of Fire Chief succession and creation and development of Public Safety Director position, which Chief Thomann has expressed interest in. Next steps include drafting a job description, salary negotiations with the Police Chief, and review of pay structure for the Deputy Fire Chief. A Public Safety Director would be the head of operations for both Police and Fire Departments. Option to consider administrative position/support for both departments as well as future scenarios including merging and/or sharing resources with other surrounding towns.

Highway Department; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; Bray Court signage discussion above. Potential Clerk of the Works candidates being explored. The CARES Act offers reimbursement to municipalities for certain COVID-19 expenses incurred and could be a possible funding source for a ventilation system; ERV; to be installed in the Rhodes Building. The CARES Act funds expire December 31, 2020 and there is hope that the deadline will be extended. If the quote for the ventilation system is

under \$10k, then the Town would not need to go out to bid. The Highway Departments CDL Training Agreement was returned back to Town from counsel with edits and will be finalized.

Police Department; Select Board member David Shanabrook; Succession conversation above.

Town Offices; Select Board member Robert Agoglia; The Secretary of State required additional security precautions leading up to the 11/3 State/Presidential Election. Police Department Officers on duty provided patrols for both collection boxes between the hours of 9am-8pm, while the Town Clerk collected the ballots at the end of the day. The Town website also had an additional message added to the announcements section. Select Board will consider purchasing & installing security cameras at the Rhodes Building and Community Building and using CARES Act funds if allowed for the purchase. Town Clerk will begin to finalize Fall Town Meeting minutes and working on updating the Code of Pelham.

Old Business

Clerk of the Works Update-candidates are being pursued by Rick Adamcek, Anthony Rogers, and Randall Spalding Fecher with supplementary suggestions from Dave Waskiewicz, Bill Rock, and Daniel Robb. The Clerk of the Works position budgeted \$14k so if additional funds are needed to pay the Clerk of the Works, then the contingency fund for the VRF project could be used. The General Contractor, Adams Plumbing & Heating, Inc., will be sending back the signed contract soon. Concern to get project underway asap as cold wintery weather is on the horizon.

Computers from Smith College-Susannah Carey sent an email requesting computers to Barbara but no response back about that. Select Board member David Shanabrook offered to pick-up the computers.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:58pm, aye Robert Agoglia, aye Tara Loomis, aye David Shanabrook, roll call unanimous.

Documents Examined

Minutes 10/21/20, and Bray Court request for signage communications.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey