

## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

### **4/15/2020 6pm Remote via Zoom**

**Present:** Selectman Ribeiro, Selectman Agoglia, John Trickey, Susannah Carey, Rusty Rowell, Otis Rowell, Judy Eiseman, Kathy Martell, June Masee, and Anne Hondrogen.

**Open:** Selectman Ribeiro opened the meeting at 6:02pm. Remote participation script read and all members confirmed.

Agenda as is, except minutes will be moved to the end.

### **Discussion of Recommendations for Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

Discussion will be on hold until new annual town meeting & election calendar is created. Board of Selectmen will exercise discretion with warrant article deadline due to State of Emergency. Town counsel is reviewing the warrant and understands not to review the Planning Board solar bylaw until further notice. Meeting with Moderator will be rescheduled for another date..

### **Consideration of Due Date for Taxes**

Four motions from Tax Collector June Masee presented for Board of Selectmen to vote. Town will be extending the due date of taxes to June 1, 2020 but only to residents and property owners, not escrow companies. Interest for taxes will be waived on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter tax. Previous penalties and fees that exist from prior payments will still be owed.

Board of Selectmen motion for number 1 plus number 3, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, approved.

Board of Selectmen motion for number two, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, approved.

Board of Selectmen motion for number four, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, approved.

### **Fiber Network**

Town of Amherst Project-More information needed from Paul Bockelman, Town Manager in Amherst. Project that will further enhance the communication by connecting the Pelham Elementary School, Centennial Water Treatment facility, and possibly the Mount Lincoln emergency tower to a new fiber network.

Wired West-Unutilized fiber that runs up Amherst Road and ends at the Rhodes building, which is not being utilized. Wired West is the company that wired Western MA with the Fiber. Using the existing fiber in the building would result in better service and possibly less cost. Currently the town office building uses Verizon and Comcast for phone and business internet services. More information needed from Otis and Rusty Rowell who will continue to research services from Crocker Communications.

**Town Officials**-Selectman Ribeiro will not run for another term on the Select Board.

**Public Comment**-no comments.

### **Liaison Reports**

Highway; new liaison Selectman Agoglia.

Town Offices; Selectman Agoglia; tax payment information evolving, remote communication postcard.

Fire Department; new liaison Selectman Ribeiro.

Police Department; Police following COVID-19 procedures and everything is running smoothly.

### **Old Business**

MIIA Liability Question- Response from MIIA not received back regarding question from Community Garden Committee member.

MVP Grant Round 3-No news about deadline extensions.

How to communicate further with residents- town website has E-Alerts, CodeRed, and now NextDoor Pelham. Other services to be considered include textly and mail chimp. Those present were unsure what other notification systems were being use by other Municipalities but may be useful to explore what is being utilized.

Creation of Hiring Committee-Motion by Select Board to establish a hiring committee for the position of Town Clerk to be comprised of Linda Spink, Nancy Blackmer, Town Clerk in Orange, and Bob Pariseau, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

List of New Residents- Rusty Rowell has current listing of addreses from new residents who have just moved to Pelham, but doesn't include their address where they moved to in Pelham.

**Minutes**-Motion to approve minutes from 4/1/2020 as amended, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous.

Minutes from 3/18 and 4/6 tabled until next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, aye Karen Ribeiro, aye Bob Agoglia, roll call unanimous at 7:31pm.

### **Documents Examined**

Minutes 4/1/2020, Tax Collector New Payment Date Votes, Fiber Network email.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey