

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
11/6/19 6PM Rhodes Building

Present: Selectman Ribeiro, Selectmen Agoglia, Attorney McHale, Mark Santos, Rusty Rowell, Gwen Hubler, John Trickey, June Masee, Jeff Eiseman, and Susannah Carey.

Open: Selectman Ribeiro opened at 6:00pm.

Tax Classification Hearing 6:00pm-Rusty Rowell

Motion for single tax rate, unanimously approved.

Motion to not have open space exemption, unanimously approved.

Motion to not have residential exemption, unanimously approved.

Motion to not have small commercial exemption, unanimously approved.

200 Daniel Shays Highway Foreclosure

Tax title payment agreement proposed to Mr. Santos and his Attorney who will notify the Collector/Treasurer prior to next Board of Selectmen's meeting on November 20th if the proposal was accepted or if any modifications to the agreement. The Town will not reverse judgement of court unless a down payment is received, as stated in the agreement. If the agreement is accepted and any taxes due on the property are not kept current, then the Town will again take ownership of the property. The Town will offer no other recourse with this property or with Mr. Santos.

Authorization to Pay Attorney Jonathon Witten for 40B Workshop

Attorney Witten has thirty-six years of professional experience in the fields of municipal and land use law, land use planning, and natural resource protection. He teaches 40B workshops and is available on November 21st. The cost is around \$700; application fee, consultant fees; which can be paid for out of the ZBA's expense account and revolving fund.

New Associate member Appointment to ZBA-Judy Eiseman

ZBA Chair Jeff Eiseman proposed to fill 2/3 associate member positions with Judy Eiseman, Chair of Planning Board. Jeff spoke with ethics commission but Board of Selectmen has concerns with undue influence due to both Jeff and Judy living in same household. Judy would be weighing in heavily on future zoning issues. ZBA meetings require 3/7 members present in order to vote. Patricia McGirr, wife of Conservation Commission Chair Dana MacDonald, may be another possible associate member but a letter of interest must be received in order for her to serve. Motion to appoint Patricia McGirr to ZBA as associate member once letter of interest is received letter of interest, unanimously approved.

Approve MVP Grant Applications

Recent meeting of taskforce members with consensus to split grant into two; solar array, HVAC and culverts. Selectman Ribeiro met with Highway Department staff for a brainstorming exercise to explore areas where Pelham could be more environmentally friendly. Grant is due November 14. Motion to submit current MVP grant applications, unanimously approved.

Municipal Support Letter for Net Zero Buildings

Motion to sign Net Zero Letter of Support, unanimously approved.

Town Officials

Rusty Rowell, Board of Assessor Chair, proposal to look into technology currently in Town Office building; capacity, fiber network available in basement but not used, electrical load, panel, capacity, amps, equipment, speed, firewall etc.; and report back to Board of Selectmen with findings. Technology set up in the Town offices not currently working as it could be.

Public Comment-none.

Liaison Reports

Highway; Selectman Ribeiro; Pelham has Complete Streets designation opening up more funding opportunities. Karen attended a stormwater management summit in Whately. Meeting with staff to brainstorm ideas. South Valley road paving not until 2020. Karen spoke with Mindy Domb regarding possibility to have new PVTa stop near Amethyst Brook Apartments affordable housing project on Amherst Road. Chair of Conservation Commission shared ideas for MVP grant application on permeable solutions for solar array, etc. Meetinghouse Rd and North Valley culvert included in current MVP grant application.

Other; Selectman Agoglia; no news for town offices or Police Department. Two/three lights over FD bays have been removed. Light shades topic of discussion. Board unsure if electrician had visited the building yet with new quote but will check with Highway Superintendent.

Old Business

Auction-Check with Collector/Treasurer for updates on auction on November 13th at 59 Meetinghouse Road.

Country Lane dog complaint-Mr. Brown complaint received about neighbor's dog. Susannah will follow up with Nancy Long, Animal Control Officer.

Google search on Town of Pelham-Susannah will check with CivicPlus about Pelham's SEO placement and other website ideas from the Spring.

Updating Bylaws-Check with Town Clerk's office.

COA Laptop-No report yet on condition of computer from Tech 1. Letter from Lieutenant Fournier read aloud. Ms. Kelly will release her pay and mileage check.

Time Reserved for Topics the Chair Did Not Reasonable Anticipate

Town awarded Cybersecurity Awareness grant. More updates soon.

Home Rule Petition-Selectmen Agoglia to check up on the bill. Recent meeting on October 29th.

Upcoming Election-No nomination forms picked up yet for Board of Selectmen vacancy.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 7:15pm.

Documents Examined

Agreement proposal for 200 Daniel Shays Highway, net zero municipal letter of support, letter from Lieutenant Fournier-COA laptop.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey