**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

**6/24/19 6pm History Room**

**Present:** Selectman Agoglia, Selectman Pearson, Selectman Ribeiro (6:05pm), Sarahbess Kenney, Robert Rowell, and Susannah Carey.

**Open:** Selectman Agoglia opened at 6:01pm.

**New Member Appointment to School Committee-Sarahbess Kenney**

Motion to appoint Sarahbess Kenney to the School Committee until May 2020, unanimously approved.

**Minutes**-tabled.

**Review and Sign Police & Fire Accident Coverage Quote from Cabot Risk Strategies, LLC**

Motion to accept Police & Fire accident coverage quote from Cabot Risk Strategies, unanimously approved.

**Utility Work in Right of Way by Eversource**

Governor Baker’s office rep would like to meet with Selectman Ribeiro in August to see what the current Administration can do better for municipalities. The Board would like to see towns like Pelham given advance notice and opportunities for conversations with reps (Eversource’s annual vegetation management and brush cutting plan & upcoming logging operations on DCR land in town, etc.).

Rick Adamcek (not present) noted the recent termination without notice to Town of the Eversource brush mower sharing program after the current five-year contract is up. Selectman Ribeiro will speak with Jonathon Edwards, Whately Board of Selectmen member, about that program. The Selectmen would like Eversource to contact the town directly with details/information if there is any work that will be happening in Pelham going forward. The Board agreed to invite an Eversource Representative to an upcoming meeting to discuss.

**Town Officials**

Robert Rowell-The Town did not receive notice of logging on DCR land along Daniel Shays Highway. The Code of Pelham is incomplete online. The Town Clerk has latest version in her office.

**Public Comment**-none.

**Liaison Reports**

Town Offices; Selectman Agoglia; notification that Records Information Clerk, Pat Olanyk, was taking a two month leave which was approved by the Town Clerk. The project to install a handicap accessible bathroom in the Rhodes Building has begun and is progressing. The META grant request for payment paperwork to pay the final invoice for the Elementary School solar report. Motion to sign the META grant request for payment form, unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

MVP Action Grant-The next round of postcards are ready to be sent prior to canvassing campaign. The Town’s bulk mail permit will pay for this to be sent. Ann Hondrogen offered to make Open Meeting Law signage and will be contacted if she is still interested and could be paid out of MVP Action grant funding. No follow-up with Jon Crispin on the photos taken at 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

MVP Round 3-No official word if Pelham will be awarded for this round. MassLive announced winners. Another round will happen in July and Selectman Ribeiro will re-submit the application if no additional edits. Motion to authorize MVP grant application submission when time comes unless feedback given, unanimously approved.

18 Daniel Shays Highway Property-Chair of Housing Committee, Tilman Lukas (not present), noted that Habitat for Humanity was interested in a site visit. Potential future request for Fall Town Meeting warrant article with CPA funding for affordable housing.

Town Counsel Updates-Response from town counsel has been delayed with email regarding Pelham’s next steps for the special act legislation for the Town Clerk warrant article from Spring TM and the response related to language for opt in/out health insurance option for town employees. Selectman Agoglia will speak with MMA about the appropriateness to consult with additional firm due to the delay. MMA encourages Town Officials to do research on their own.

**Time Reserved for Topics the Chair did not Reasonably Anticipate**

Next meeting 7/24/19 at 6pm in the Fire Department training room. Note to invite Kathy Martell for discussion of Council on Aging group and the recent loss of two members.

Meeting Postings: Motion to designate Susannah Carey, Selectmen’s Administrative Assistant, as the primary authority and the Town Clerk as secondary to post all Board of Selectmen meetings going forward if allowable practice, unanimously approved.

August 7th Meeting-Document from Town Officials finance forum slide to share with Finance Committee.

MVP Action Grant Connect Pelham Postcards-Edits are requested on the next postcard to be sent.

Openings/Vacancies- Energy Committee has 2 openings, Council on Aging has 2 regular and 2 associate member vacancies.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 7:03pm.

**Documents Examined**

2019 Police & Fire Accident Coverage contract & quote, and META grant invoice request for reimbursement form.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey