

**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**

**3/18/2020 6:00PM Remote Virtual Meeting in place of Rhodes Building Location**

**Present:** Selectman Ribeiro, Selectman Agoglia, Rusty Rowell, Dana MacDonald, Bill Pula, John Trickey, Janice Gifford, John Larsen, Tony Rogers, and Susannah Carey.

**Open:** Selectman Ribeiro opened the meeting at 6pm.

**Vote on Agenda-**Motion to accept agenda as is, unanimously approved.

**Minutes-**tabled.

**Appointment of new Member to Conservation Commission**

Motion to appoint Janice Gifford to Conservation Commission, unanimously approved.

**VRF Design & Bid Documents**

No news if the Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs will extend the MVP grant for FY 2021.

Selectman Ribeiro confirmed that Pelham is only accountable for the \$50,000 match.

Engineer preparing final design and bid documents. Estimates for VRF project are now around \$514k, which is higher than original estimate of \$382k. Town has \$170k from Green Community grant, \$140k from MVP grant, and \$68k acquired from Town Meeting which totals \$378k. With new estimate of \$514k, the additional project funds needed would be about \$136k. Increase in cost is attributed to higher pricing for materials, construction, and equipment as well as complexity of the redesign work, which includes wiring, length of runs, piping, additional ducts, etc. The Energy Committee is still working on schedule with original timeline presented but concern with current state of the world.

Question if RW Hall invoice was paid for design completion.

There will be an additional engineering cost for bid and construction oversight of about \$11,460. Overall project shortfall total of \$147,460.

Question if project is still viable for Pelham with new cost estimates provided.

Recently Rick Adamcek and Stan Swiercz did a walk through at the Community Building to address the new additions to the design; soffits, ductwork.

**Fiber Network-**tabled until 4/1/2020.

**Vision Contract for Board of Assessor's Office**

Warrant article for Town Meeting created for vision software needs. Request to schedule install date soon after town meeting since there is a tight timeline of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**MassDOT Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request**

Motion to approve MassDOT Chapter 90 reimbursement, unanimously approved.

**MDAR Nomination & Appointment Form for Animal Inspector**

Motion to appoint Nancy Long as animal inspector, unanimously approved.

**APRSD Acknowledgement Letter for Amherst-Pelham Regional Capital Plan**

Motion to sign APRSD capital plan letter, unanimously approved.

**Town Officials**

59 Meeting House Rd-Bill Pula, Chair BOH, additional funds request for further 'cleaning.' Bank of America would like the estimate for additional work. Bill has been monitoring the site work. Conservation Commission supports removing all vehicles on property.

Health Situation, COVID-19- Quabbin Health District awarded \$25k grant from State for health situation. Supplies will be shared with the Pelham Fire and Police employees. The staff will be reminded that the 'universal precautions' are in effect. Currently there are no cases in Pelham. Town office is closed to the public as well as the Library.

CPC meeting rescheduled for 3/26/2020. Zoom will be set up for this meeting.

**Public Comment**-none.

**Liaison Reports**

Highway; Selectman Ribeiro; Superintendent Adamcek will hire Nathaniel Ribeiro as part-time seasonal help.

Town Offices; Selectman Agoglia; no new updates.

Police Department; Selectman Agoglia; Chief Thomann's 3-year contract expires June 30, 2020. Will need to schedule a meeting on either June 3 or 17 for contract negotiations.

Fire Department; Selectman Agoglia; Fire Chief sick with cold, so no new updates.

**Old Business**-none.

**Time Reserved for Topics the Chair Did Not Reasonably Anticipate**

Open Meeting Law Suspension Order-documents from KP Law. Email to Board/Committee Chairs.

Legislation- Home rule petition for Town Clerk is close to final approval by Governor Baker.

2019 Motions-share file with both Selectmen again.

Town Meeting-Connect Pelham is working on a town meeting 101 workshop.

Next meeting: April 1 at 6pm as remote access only by telephone with link for access to documents.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:51pm, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Susannah Carey