

Approved by Selectboard May 23, 2012

Plainfield Selectboard meeting May 2, 2012.

Selectboard: Dave Strong, Alice Merrill, Bram Towbin

Clerk: Linda Wells

Guests: Sandy Vitzthum, Architect, Steve Farnham and Judy Fowler

The board discussed the BCA meeting that was just held and the consensus was we hoped to get a legislative waiver to temporarily hold town meetings at Twinfield.

The Selectboard resolves we should request the legislature for the option to hold our town meeting and any other public meeting at Twinfield School for up to three years, Bram seconded, and the resolution passed.

### **Town Hall**

Rick Dewolfe Engineering submitted a proposal for \$3500 to do a topographic survey and design a drainage system around the perimeter of the building which was distributed. Dave will email DeWolfe's proposal to the clerk. Dave reported that Mr. DeWolfe could do the survey work, which includes providing an estimate of the construction cost of the drainage work, within a month. In response to a question about what the drainage construction work would cost, Dave reported that Mr. DeWolfe said that his very rough initial estimate of the project cost was around \$60,000, but that the design work needed to be done to get an accurate idea.

Bram supports concept but expressed concern about paying to do the project. Dave stated they are applying for grant funds and need estimates for this. This year's town hall assessment budget can support this engineering cost estimate.

Bram moved to spend \$3500 for Dewolfe to do drainage survey of town hall, Alice seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Proposal from Architect Sandy Vitzthum**

In response to the town meeting request that a survey of town spaces be conducted and a plan for town spaces be developed, the town has requested a proposal from Sandy Vitzthum, which was discussed.

She reported she took a tour of the town and inventoried available spaces. She is making a listing of what activities need space. The goal is for her to provide two to three options that may go to design and be priced and present them to the Select Board.

The initial scoping will be done pro bono. She will then work up plans for different options, which will cost the town \$2,000 per option. The town will have plans to present to the community at public information meetings.

The board resolves to appoint an advisory committee to work with the architect through the process. The board made revisions to her proposed contract. Copy is attached to the filed minutes. Bram moved to form a community facility advisory committee to work with the Selectboard and architect, Sandra Vitzthum. The committee will have up to 7 people including one Selectboard member, Alice seconded and the motion passed.

The board will advertise in Field notes, Plainfield People Facebook page, town website, and town posting. Interested persons must submit letter to town clerk by 6/11.

**Mail**

Washington Electric permit tabled until Bram can contact Road Foreman and abutting landowners.

Bram moved to approve catering permit for Skinny Pancake at a Goddard event, Alice seconded and the motion passed.

Bram discussed details of the A T & T mobile phone plan for highway Rod Foreman. Board approved purchase.

Bram advised the ramp for the skateboard park arrives this weekend and they are looking for volunteers for construction.

There is a recreation committee meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening at the rec field.

Positive Pie liquor license permit was discussed and action to be taken at next meeting.

Bram discussed the debris at bridge on Brook Road and had site visit with George Springston, Dan Gadd, and Mike Nolan. All agreed to remove the debris that is causing safety hazard.

Flood Advisory committee meets on 5/17.

Cabot wastewater spreading issue: Bram will contact VLCT to see if the town can deny their permit to trucks hauling wastewater.

Bram met with Cabot officials about their trucks hauling wastewater to be sprayed on fields in our town. They were open to finding other ways to deal with issue.

Upcoming meetings

5/10 with Cemetery Commission

5/14 regular meeting

5/23 instead of 5/28 Memorial Day

Adjourned at 9pm

Respectfully submitted Linda B. Wells