

Plainfield Select Board - Special Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2018, Municipal Building, 149 Main Street

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present were select board members Ross Sneyd, Tammy Farnham, and Sasha Thayer. Also present were Alice Merrill, grant writer, Nick Hooker, Recreation Committee member, and Ben Youngbear, who has been involved in the new shelter project for the Recreation Field.

An agenda of Recreation Field Grant, approval of Town Treasurer Linda Wells recommendation for payment and borrowing strategy for the new fire truck, and identifying agenda items for the August 13, 2018 was unanimously approved.

Recreation Field Grant

The Recreation Field grant is a dollar for dollar match, offered by the Building and General Services Department as part of the Building Communities Grant Program, this grant being a Recreational Facilities grant.

The grant request is for \$4,093, with a match of \$4,093 from the town, a portion of which is donations and a portion of which is from the 2018-2019 Recreation Committee Reserve Fund. The total budget for the project is \$8186. Alice explained that the Recreation Commission feels it's necessary to have \$1000 for maintenance costs for the year, and has taken this into account in the \$4,093 town match figure. [Correction: Per Town Clerk Linda Wells, the town match will come from the Recreation Committee Reserve Fund and donations, not from the regular Recreation Committee budget for "Parks & Rec Bldg Maint/Equip" approved at Town Meeting.]

If the grant is not approved, or is approved in a lesser amount, the construction of the shelter and picnic tables will take place and should be done by Plainfield Old Home Days in September. Various items, like moving the water supply closer to the picnic shelter would be deferred until later. The piers have already been poured and the timber frame lumber is already in place.

Sasha Thayer moved that the board execute the letter requesting the grant, the motion passed, and all members of the Select Board signed the grant letter.

Fire Truck Payment and Financing:

Town Clerk/Treasure Linda Wells advised the board in writing that the interest rate for financing the newly arrived fire truck has increased from 3% to 3.7%. She recommends that the Select Board approve paying the \$20,000 approved for payment on this purchase for the 2018-2019 fiscal year now and borrowing only \$180,000. The first payment on the note will be due in the 2019-2020 fiscal year; this approach will reduce interest costs and result in the truck being paid off in 9 years.

Ross Sneyd moved this proposal be approved and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Linda Wells also informed the board that the board would need to designate a member of the board to execute the loan documents on Thursday or Friday, or have the entire board sign the documents.

Ross moved that the entire board seek to sign the loan documents, but if the entire board is no available to do so, that a majority of the board be designated as authorized to sign the loan documents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Items for August 13, 2018 Meeting

Sasha requested a short executive session at the beginning of the meeting to discuss personnel matters re who should be authorized to do what.

Tammy asked that the Vermont Council for Rural Development Leadership Summit in October be on the agenda to designate which selectboard member(s) would be representing the Town.

Also on the agenda will be the Recreation Field ordinance amendment issue that Constable Kathleen Hayes asked the board to consider. She is available on the 13th, would prefer the earlier part of the meeting, but is available for the entire meeting time.

Also on the agenda will be the Plainfield Town Hall/Opera House contract, with additional information to be coming from the Friends of the Opera House.

At 7:35 pm, Ross moved the meeting adjourn and the motion was unanimously approved.