

Town of Plainfield Special Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 7 AM
Minutes - Draft

Present were Select Board Chair Jim Volz and Select Board members Tammy Farnham and Sasha Thayer. Also present was Eric Blaisdell of the Times Argus via Zoom. No other members of the public were present.

Agenda

Changes to Agenda

Approval of contract with Levaggi Environmental for asbestos removal from the Old Firehouse building at 38 School Street, Plainfield

Approval of hiring of Michael Bingham as Road Foreman for the Town of Plainfield starting July 1, 2022

Public comment

Adjourn

Jim Volz called the meeting to order and asked for changes to the agenda. Tammy Farnham moved that that the Select Board enter into executive session briefly to answer a question about information received about one of the applicants for road foreman. Arrangements were made for Eric Blaisdell to sign off Zoom and for Jim Volz to call Eric in order for him to rejoin the meeting. The Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session. At the end of the executive session the meeting returned to open session and Eric Blaisdell rejoined the meeting. Tammy Farnham explained that the only thing that occurred during the executive session was for the board to respond to a clarifying question.

Approval of contract with Levaggi Environmental for asbestos removal from the Old Firehouse building at 38 School Street, Plainfield

There was a good deal of conversation about what is being proposed for asbestos removal and what, if any, testing needs to be done for the building to be taken down safely. The conclusion was that the town needed further information, including a copy of a proposed contract and that the matter should be rescheduled for a later time unless Ki Walker could be contacted during the meeting. Ki Walker called in via Jim Volz's cell phone..

Approval of hiring of Michael Bingham as Road Foreman for the Town of Plainfield starting July 1, 2022

Sasha Thayer moved that the Town hire Michael Bingham as Road Foreman, effective July 2, 2022 at the rate of \$29 per hour with the understanding that he will be seeking additional training appropriate to the job in various areas. Tammy noted that Michael initially asked the Select Board for \$27 per hour, but in the course of the interview advised the Select Board that he had received another job offer for \$29 per hour and requested to be hired at \$29 per hour. Sasha restated the motion he will be seeking additional training pertinent to the position.. Tammy Farnham stated that she was refraining from voting based on all the information that has been going around because she is local and she knows Michael Bingham personally and his family, she knows him from the road crew, and that he has worked for her family. Jim Volz and Sasha Thayer voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

Sasha Thayer moved to adjourn until the Select Board can address the first agenda item and the motion passed unanimously The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm..