

**Town of Plainfield
Select Board Meeting
February 25, 2019
Approved Minutes**

PRESENT: Alexandra Thayer (Select Board Member), Ross Sneyd (Select Board Chair), Tammy Farnham (Select Board Member), Keith Swann (Videographer), Cindy Wyckoff (Minutes Recorder), and Bram Towbin (Road Commissioner).

Ross Sneyd called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Review Agenda; Public Comments/Announcements
- Town Clerk's Report/Warrants
- Road Report
- Discussion of Town Plan Update
- Discussion of any Pre-Town Meeting Business
- Other Business; Minutes
- Adjourn

REVIEW AGENDA

- There were no changes made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sneyd announced that Town Meeting will be held on 3/5/19 starting at 10am at the Town Hall Opera House. The Australian ballot is from 9am to 7pm, but voters can vote anytime leading up to Town Meeting during open hours at the Town Clerk's office.
- Sneyd read aloud a letter to the Select Board from the Hazard Mitigation Committee regarding the reappointment of Committee members for 2019-2020, the recruitment of new members, and the appointment of a non-voting Select Board liaison to the Committee. Sneyd noted that the Select Board appoints members to commissions and boards at the end of March to begin serving in April, and the Select Board will take up these issues at that time.
- Sneyd and Alexandra Thayer provided details on the Community Supper taking place on 2/26/19, which is being sponsored by the Plainfield Co-op.
- Relating to Town Meeting, Thayer noted that the Cutler Memorial Library will be selling primroses and that food will be available to fundraise for various groups.
- Thayer reported that she has been working with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission on updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A draft will be available at Town Meeting and will also be posted on the Town's website.
- Sneyd noted that there have been issues with the lift at the Town Hall Opera House that have now been resolved. The Friends of the Town Hall Opera House are seeking estimates on the cost to replace the 30-year-old lift.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANTS

- Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells was not present.
- Noting that some of the following warrants may already have been approved, **Sneyd made a motion to approve warrants of 1/31/19, 1/31/19, 2/8/19, 2/11/19, 2/15/19, 2/19/19, and 2/22/19. The motion was approved.**
- **Sneyd made a motion to approve fleet permits for Allen Lumber Company, Gillespie Fuels and Propane, and Scott Brown Trucking. The motion was approved.**

OTHER BUSINESS

- Sneyd noted that there is a Strengthening Communities for Future Community and Economic Development Forum being held by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on 3/27/19.
- Sneyd reported that Plainfield and Marshfield were chosen to participate in the Vermont Climate Economy Model Communities Program, which will likely launch in April.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN PLAN UPDATE

- Sneyd note that the Planning Commission has been making progress on updating the Town Plan, which needs to be adopted before the new Zoning Regulations can be adopted.

DISCUSSION OF ANY PRE-TOWN MEETING BUSINESS

- Sneyd stated that at Town Meeting, the Select Board will likely be asked about spending increases and decreases. Thayer noted that questions regarding the increase in the school budget might be raised and that the Select Board should advise that those questions be directed to the School Board.
- Thayer suggested that Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Carol Smith be contacted to see if the Select Board can do anything to help with Town Meeting given the current circumstances with Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells. Sneyd stated that he will reach out to Smith tomorrow.

MINUTES

- **Sneyd made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2/11/19 regular Select Board meeting as written. The motion was approved.**

OTHER BUSINESS

- After a brief discussion regarding the printed version of the *Town Report*, Thayer raised the possibility of saving on postage by handing out the publications to those stopping by the Town Clerk's office to pay their municipal taxes, which both occur around the same time.
- Thayer and Tammy Farnham thanked Sneyd for his service during his tenure on the Select Board. Sneyd reported that a good candidate has stepped up to run for the open seat on the Select Board. Thayer noted that there is a spring Select Board Institute on 3/30/19, which would be a good event for the new Select Board member to attend.

ROAD REPORT

- Road Commissioner Bram Towbin made a request for the Select Board to go into executive session.
- In advance of going into executive session, Towbin reported that the Road Crew is doing a good job taking care of the roads and is currently out clearing them of drifting snow from the high winds. The sand pile is also being managed.

- Thayer noted that she recently witnessed where snow from a driveway had been plowed onto the road and asked if Plainfield's General Regulations restricted that action. A brief discussion followed regarding plowing/sanding issues on roads outside of Plainfield.
- Towbin explained the State's response to complaints it has received regarding the poor pavement conditions of parts of Route 2.
- Regarding the updating of the Town Plan, Towbin has been gathering a lot of data. Towbin recommended including an energy component to the Plan because of all the data that has been collected around energy in Plainfield.
- **Sneyd made a motion to go into executive session under the provisions of 1VSA Section 313(a)(1)(D). The motion was approved.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Sneyd made a motion to end the executive session. No action was taken. The motion was approved.**

ADJOURN

- **Sneyd made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. The motion was approved.**

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Wyckoff