

**Town of Plainfield
Select Board Meeting
December 10, 2018
Draft Minutes**

PRESENT: Alexandra Thayer (Select Board Member, Acting Chair), Tammy Farnham (Select Board Member), Linda Wells (Town Clerk/Treasurer), Keith Swann (Videographer), Cindy Wyckoff (Minutes Recorder), Eric Blaisdell (Times Argus), and Mike Nolan (Road Foreman).

Alexandra Thayer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Review Agenda; Public Comments/Announcements
- Town Clerk's Report/Warrants
- Road Report and Discussion and Possible Vote on Policy Regarding Plowing/Sanding of Roads
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Letter Regarding Main Street-Route 2 Intersection
- Further Discussion of Property behind School Street Apartments
- Speeding Concerns
- Emergency Management Director Position
- Other Business
- Minutes
- Items for January 14, 2019 Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn

REVIEW AGENDA

- There were no changes made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thayer announced that a budget meeting will be held on 12/13/18 beginning at 3pm and will extend to 6:30pm to allow time for Energy Coordinator Bob Atchinson to attend.
- Thayer related a call she received from a Middle Road resident regarding a speeding incident on snow-covered roads. Thayer asked that people slow down.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT/WARRANTS

- Town Clerk/Treasurer Linda Wells noted that Plainfield Fire Chief Pat Martin has reached out to Ty Rolland from the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department and was looking for a time to discuss with the Select Board a new contract.
- Wells reported that the Town had received a flood mitigation award of \$74,995.12, which is a subgrant for further study for the bridge on Brook Road.
- **Thayer made a motion to approve both the first-class and the outside consumption permits for BAS, LLC. The motion was approved.**
- **Thayer made a motion to approve warrants of 11/26/18, 11/27/18, 12/3/18, 12/4/18, and 12/5/18. The motion was approved.**

- **Thayer made a motion to approve a letter to Vermont Agency of Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn related to the intersection of Main Street and Route 2 dated 12/10/18 with copies going to Governor Phil Scott, State Senator Ann Cummings, State Senator Anthony Pollina, State Senator-Elect Andrew Perchlik, Representative Janet Ancel, Plainfield Road Commissioner Bram Towbin, Advisory Committee Member David Strong, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Dan Currier, Agency of Transportation's Rob White, Agency of Transportation's Jesse Devlin, and Agency of Transportation's Erin Pariso. The motion was approved.**
- Wells presented a request to release a lease-land parcel of property that will be sold. **Thayer made a motion to approve the quit claim deed for commands to lease land of Edward Fowler. The motion was approved.**

ROAD REPORT AND DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON POLICY REGARDING PLOWING/SANDING OF ROADS

- Road Foreman Mike Nolan reported that the Road Crew has been plowing and sanding roads, noting that a lot of sand has been used so far. Discussion followed regarding the plowing schedule; pulling out stuck school buses; speeding vehicles; and current and upcoming projects.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY BEHIND SCHOOL STREET APARTMENTS

- Thayer noted that there had been some discussion regarding selling the parcel, but thought that Bob Atchinson should be consulted to see if it might be a good location to site a solar array to benefit the Town. It was decided that the issue would be further discussed at the 1/14/19 Select Board meeting.

SPEEDING CONCERNS

- Discussion centered on ways to discourage speeding, including relocating the radar sign and providing the Sheriff's Department with a description of the car that had dangerously passed a resident that was traveling on snow-covered Middle Road. It was decided to find out what Sneyd thought about contacting the Sheriff's Department with details of the speeding vehicle.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR POSITION

- Thayer presented a pared-down job description and potential advertisement for the position of Emergency Management Director. Before proceeding, Thayer stated that she would like to talk with Goddard College to find out if the college would in fact be available as an emergency shelter. Thayer questioned whether a local shelter is actually needed given the cost and noted that people may not actually go to a shelter during an emergency and, if needed, there is an emergency shelter in nearby Barre. Thayer questioned whether efforts should instead be put toward preparedness and supporting residents in that way. Thayer proposed that the issue be taken up at the 1/14/19 Select Board meeting

MINUTES

- **Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/26/18 Select Board meeting. The motion was approved.**

ITEMS FOR JANUARY 14, 2019 MEETING AGENDA

- Agenda items for the 1/14/19 Select Board meeting include discussion of the School Street Apartments and the Emergency Management Director position. It was decided that a budget meeting would be held for the Hazard Mitigation Committee on 1/7/19.

ADJOURN

- **Thayer made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. The motion was approved.**

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Wyckoff