

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; School Board Members Patrick Healy, Manny Sainz, Lauren Cleary, and Janna Osman; Plainfield Selectboard members Sasha Thayer, Jim Volz, and Tammy Farnham; Plainfield Town Clerk Linda Wells

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Road Crew position, Stranahan maple trees

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting. They tabled the minutes of the January 12 meeting.

**COVID19 Update:** The Selectboard will keep the building closed for another 2 weeks.

**Dump Truck purchase:** The Selectboard reviewed a quote for a new dump truck and body. They had a couple of questions for the Road Foreman and will keep this on the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting.

**Town Meeting:** School Board members present voted to change their annual meeting to April 6, 2021. Patrick thanked both boards and clerks for working together.

Chris moved to change the Marshfield town meeting to April 6. Rich seconded – all in favor. Chris moved to hold the Marshfield informational hearing on March 30 at 6:00 p.m. Rich second – all in favor. Chris moved to pay for a postcard to all voters, and to pay for the return postage for the postcard. Laurie seconded - All in favor.

The Board reviewed the draft of the warning. They decided to list the appropriations for the social service agencies individually.

The Board discussed whether or not Laurie should resign, because her property is under contract for sale. If she resigns now, the position could be on the ballot, but if the sale does not go through, she would be willing to stay on the Board. If she resigns when the sale is final, the other two Board members would need to fill the position, because it would be too late to warn the position for a vote at Town Meeting. After discussion, Laurie resigned effective April 6<sup>th</sup>. The warning will have one Selectboard position for 1 year and one Selectboard position for 3 years. The Board approved the budget as drafted.

**Plow:** There was a plow on the pickup that was transferred to the fire department, but the fire department doesn't need the plow. The Board agreed to sell it. Chris reported that he advertised the plow, and he checked with the Fisher dealer about the value of the plow. They indicated that

\$3,500 is a fair price. Jim Colgan has offered \$3,500. The Board agreed to the sale.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Rich moved to select the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission because they have the lowest hourly rate, most responsive and most experienced. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

**Road Crew Position:** Laurie moved to hire Paul Stecker at the rate of \$21.50 per hour, to start January 25, with health insurance to start February 1. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Stranahan Maples:** The Board received a request from the new owners of the Hollister Hill Farm for tapping the maples that were historically tapped by the Light family. The Board discussed whether to charge per tap or using a floating price tied to the bulk price of syrup. They decided to do the floating price and use the same wording as the current lease.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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