

Plainfield Board of Selectmen

Weekly Notes

Tuesday June 4th 2019

BOS Commitments this week: Wednesday 6/5 Meeting **Meriden Town Hall**

6:00pm Open public comments
 Building Inspector and Facility Manager
 Other Department reports
 Town Administrator report
 Adjourn

Topics of Discussion

Building Inspection: Brad and Dave will be in to discuss some changes they would like to make in the building permit process. We touched on this a few weeks back, but they wish to revisit the idea directly with the Board. They have made some good changes this year which are helping to streamline the permitting process and provides wide access to information.

Highway Department: New bridge approaches are now paved and Daniels Road may be overlaid later this week. We need to decide on the RA truck. No question the truck needs to be replaced. Its both a financial and political decision. At issues are can we afford a new one and is the board willing to spend the funds from the account without a town meeting vote. You have the authority; we just have not done it in the past with new highway equipment (see below from previous e-mails).

Grappone F350 Gas w/plow	\$38,074
Kelly RAM 3500 crew	\$48,635
Claremont Ford	
F350 G w/plow	\$36,884
F350D w/plow	\$44,484
Springfield GMC 3500 w/plow	\$39,792

Richard also has a quite (not included) from another Dodge dealer
RAM 3500 w/plow, gas \$42,600

At the moment the winner would be Claremont Ford. Most importantly I think we have to decide if we can afford the truck.

We have \$235,000 in the equipment fund; we spent \$112,000 on the new plow truck, leaving a balance of \$123,000 as our total savings for future highway equipment. If we hit it for \$37,000 we will be down to \$86,000 with the loader on schedule for replacement in 2022, estimate cost of the new loader \$150,000 +/- We put \$75,000 each year.

Solid Waste Study Group: Participation rates will be counted next week by Casella both for recycling and for trash collection. I will go out and do a few roads each day so we can compare our results with theirs.

Police: Chief Roberts seems to be enjoying having full staff. Nevin seems able to take shifts each week, three on average.

BUDGET STATUS: **56% of budget year left, 60% of approved budget remaining.**

Steve

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Wednesday May 15th 2019
Plainfield Elementary School

Selectmen present: Ron Eberhardt, Chair
 Rob Taylor
 Eric Brann

The meeting opened at 6:00pm with a presentation from the NHDOT.

NHDOT: The department has taken a close look at the Route 12A slide and based on the public input received, the plan is now to complete the repair with one lane of Route 12A open. The design and permitting should be completed in 90 days and the repair itself should take another 90 days. The goal is to have the project complete by cold weather. Those in attendance thanked the NHDOT for listening to the concerns expressed at the May 1st meeting.

Highway: Richard presenting the board with three quotes for a new Road Agent truck. The Selectboard has determined that the donated truck used by the Road Agent is no longer fit for service and needs to be replaced. One additional bid was requested, Grappone Ford as the state bid for F250s.

Police: Chief Roberts noted that in response to an inquiry by resident Dennis Girouard he has obtained a quote for replacing all of the town's mobile ratios with higher output units. The cost exceeds \$60,000.

The Police Department has welcomed recently graduated part time officer Nevin Niboli to the department. Nevin has already begun covering some shifts.

Solid Waste Study Group: The Selectmen held a kick off meeting with Wayne Tucker, Marc Morgan, Susan Williams, Hillary Sundell and Richard Atkinson who have been charged with helping the Selectmen take a close look at our current solid waste management plan. The goal is to have a proposal for presentation at the 2020 town meeting. The town's current curbside collection program contract expires this year. The group requested as much data as possible on the current program. Of particular concern was recycling volume and program participation rates. The group will meet next with the Selectboard on June 19th.

The Selectboard the details of a new program to offer a \$200/year allowance to the highway department employees for safety shoes. As long as the shoe satisfies the OSHA safety shoe standards the town will reimburse the employee up to \$200/year for a pair of work boots.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Stephen Halleran

Ron Eberhardt, Chair

Robert Taylor

Eric Brann