

**Town of Plainfield Select Board Special and Budget Meeting
December 2, 2024
Municipal Offices at 149 Main St., 2nd Floor and Via Zoom
Minutes - Approved**

Agenda:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Changes to Agenda
- Announcements
- Public Comment
- Fire and Rescue Department Budget Review
- Discuss and act on East Montpelier Ambulance Services Contract
- Highway Department Budget Review (Josh Pitts)
- Warn a Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's proposed interim bylaws changes
- Announce date for next Select Board Meeting
- Adjourn

Present: Select Board members Karl Bissex (Chair), Patti Jamele, Dan Fingas, Frances Rose Subbiondo, and Peter Youngbaer. Also present were Town Treasurer and Road Commissioner Josh Pitts, Town Clerk Bram Towbin, and Road Foreman Michael Bingham.

Call Meeting to Order:

Select Board Chair Karl Bissex called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Changes to Agenda:

Bissex announced that “Fire and Rescue Department Budget Review” and “Warn a Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's proposed interim bylaws changes” would not be discussed at this meeting. He stated that “Healthcare Policy for Personnel” would be added to the agenda.

Announcements:

Bissex announced that the next regular Select Board meeting will be December 9, 2024 and a Select Board Special Budget meeting will be held December 16, 2024. The rest of the December meeting calendar is still up in the air. Bissex announced he will miss the meetings on January 27 and February 10, 2025.

Jamele asked for an update on 79 Bean Rd. Bissex stated there was no update, but the case will go to court.

Public Comment:

Bissex opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.

Fire and Rescue Department Budget Review:

This issue was not discussed at this meeting.

Discuss and act on East Montpelier Ambulance Services Contract:

The Ambulance Services Contract will be discussed with the Fire Chief at next week's Select Board meeting with a one or three year contract on the table.

Highway Department Budget Review (Josh Pitts):

Pitts presented current revenue and expenses line by line of the proposed 2025/2026 Highway Department budget. He highlighted the importance of assessing current equipment condition and maintenance costs and establishing a clear budget for equipment maintenance and replacement.

Warn a Public Hearing on the Planning Commission's proposed interim bylaws changes:

This issue was not discussed at this meeting.

Healthcare Policy for Personnel:

Youngbaer presented a report he created to help figure out health plans in the short term and also fix Personnel Policy issues in the longer term. He recommended keeping the Blue Cross Blue Shield Gold plan for the coming year and offering this to employees as well as dependents of current employees.

Youngbaer moved to keep Town employees BCBS CDHP Gold plan with Town of Plainfield paying 90%. Subbiondo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Healthcare savings and reimbursement accounts were discussed with the recommendation to offer dental care for employees, but not dependents of employees.

Youngbaer moved to offer dental insurance through Delta Dental's Tier 2 plan. Bissex seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Announce date for next Select Board Meeting:

The next regular Select Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Fingas moved to adjourn. Jamele seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristin Brosky, Administrative Assistant. Minutes created with AI assistance from the Sembly app.