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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2021

Kevin Cunningham called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Plainfield Town Hall.

Members present were Kevin Cunningham, Art Gagne, and Cathy Tendrich.

Minutes *Art Gagne motioned to approve the 9/27/2021 meeting minutes. Cathy Tendrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

Public Comment

Dan Reale commented on the incident regarding the investigation which involved a teacher. Although he is not sure what happened, he questioned why the police were not called immediately. Maybe it best to implement this policy sooner than later.

Kevin Cunningham stated he was not at the last board meeting, but this investigation is with the Board of Education, not the Board of Selectmen and suggested Mr. Real bring this question up with them.

Old Business

1. Discuss and act on approving the Affordable Housing Plan for Plainfield.

Art Gagne had the following questions regarding the plan:

- Action item “Relax requirements for middle density housing” where it states to “reduce acreage requirements in certain zones”, what zones are these? Mary Ann Chinatti, Town Planner, stated these zones are where public infrastructure is available or where there is enough land for a community septic system. Art Gagne stated it could be almost anywhere and Mary Ann Chinatti stated it can be discussed more when that item is up for review. The board discussed mixed use and where middle density housing could go.
- Action item “Allow higher density multifamily housing”, what is meant by “certain residential areas”. Mary Ann Chinatti said not strictly residential and explained about multifamily housing.
- What is a modified garden apartment? Mary Ann Chinatti stated 4 units per building.

Kevin Cunningham asked if it can be modified and presented back to the Board of

Selectmen for final approval, and the Town Planner concurred.

Cathy Tendrich motioned to adopt the Affordable Housing Plan. Kevin Cunningham seconded the motion. Discussion: Art Gagne does not want to adopt the plan the way it is currently written. Mary Ann Chinatti stated they have until the end of 6/2022 to approve the plan according to State statute and it is a 5-year plan that can be updated. The Town can adopt the plan, keep it as a working plan and review it at least every five years, but you don't have to implement it.

Kevin Cunningham suggested adopting the plan to be worked on, other boards and commission need to review; six months to review and then make final modifications and recommendations.

Art Gagne asked when the Board plans on working on it. Also, questioned why ADU's were on the plan when the opted out of them. Mary Chinatti stated we opted out of PA21-29 which was extremely stringent and would require us to allow ADU's. She explained special permit approvals for accessory apartments and ADU's.

Kevin Cunningham stated that it requires a housing officer which is not even established yet and is concerned about putting this out as a working document when we don't have an officer.

Cathy Tendrich amended the motion to adopt and the Affordable Housing Plan and to begin working on it and have it implemented by end of February 2022. Kevin Cunningham seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Kevin Cunningham asked to add a new agenda item to New Business – F1a. Purchase of Police Vehicles.

Cathy Tendrich made a motion to add agenda item "F1a. Purchase of Police Vehicles". Art Gagne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

1. Consider and act on tax refunds as requested by the Tax Collector totaling \$2675.65.

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| Dodie M. & Guy D. Mineau | 34.42 |
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| Dana R. & Lorraine Corson | 42.50 |
| George M. Swanson | 8.81 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | 310.84 |
| Toyota Lease Trust | 393.79 |
| AGAR Leasing LTD | 488.49 |
| AGAR Leasing LTD | 166.15 |
| Sarah Balbough | 77.05 |
| Ally Financial | 495.67 |

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| Hyundai Lease Titling Trust | 422.97 |
| Anthony W Sokolowski Jr | 70.54 |
| Connecticut Water Services Inc | 55.30 |
| Glenn H House | 39.27 |
| Michael W Petrides | 6.96 |

Cathy Tendrich motioned to approve the tax refunds totaling \$2675.65, Art Gagne seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

1a. Purchase of Police Vehicles

Kevin Cunningham reported that due to inventory issues with vehicles it is almost impossible to find new ones. The Police Chief searched everywhere and found two on the State bid list – (2022) Chevy Tahoe in Torrington, CT. The total cost is \$74,134.42 and they will sell the two older models. The Board reviewed the packet for the new vehicles. Cathy Tendrich stated that they still have \$60,000 in vehicle expense and they need them.

Art Gagne made a motion to purchase two new police vehicles for \$74,134.42. Cathy Tendrich seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

Other None

Adjournment *Art Gagne motioned to adjourn at 7:29 pm, Cathy Tendrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Krodel, Recording Secretary