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MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the Select Board was held in person on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 10:00 AM. In attendance were:

Jeffrey Johnson, Vice-Chair
Brian Kelly, Clerk

Also present was Town Administrator Brian Noble.

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Kelly asked for a moment of silence for our Military, Law Enforcement, Fire Protection and Health Care workers who have sacrificed their lives.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items¹

There were no public requests.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

4.0 OLD BUSINESS:

5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 To authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Select Board to execute any and all documentation relative to the establishment of the North Attleborough – Plainville Health Care Group or any related documentation thereof.

Mr. Noble presented the documents for approval and stated that a letter was received from KP Law regarding the Determination and Consent Pursuant to Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.7 – Representation of the Towns of Plainville and North Attleborough, North Attleborough-Plainville Health Group Joint Purchasing Agreement advising the town they are Town

Counsel for both North Attleborough and Plainville and for the purposes and under the conditions described in the letter, it will not create a concurrent conflict of interest and will not affect the exercise of their professional judgement on behalf of the Town of Plainville with regard to the Joint Purchasing Agreement (JPA). The only risk would be if discussion over JPA broke down between the parties. Mr. Noble stated that the North Attleborough-Plainville Health Group (NAPHG) draft documents/agreement need to be executed to procure our health insurance with North Attleborough. Mr. Noble stated that they will be meeting tomorrow with North Attleborough to discuss and review the documents/agreement. Mr. Noble stated that the town was a member of SMHG and 53% of the reserves were being held. Additionally, SMHG continued to raise rates even though the town's insurance claims were diminishing. He stated that North Attleborough was leaving MIIA to form a new group. Mr. Noble stated that health insurance is a subject of collective bargaining. He brought them into each meeting, and they have voted twice unanimously to leave SMHG. Mr. Noble stated that SMHG declared two rate holidays where they agreed to collect no premiums from employees. Mr. Noble stated that the relationship between the two towns is very strong.

Mr. Kelly moved, and Mr. Kelly seconded to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Select Board to execute any and all documentation relative to the establishment of the North Attleborough – Plainville Health Care Group or any related documentation thereof and to procure Health Care to Town Employees and Retirees Mr. Johnson second. PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 ADJOURN

Mr. Johnson moved, and Mr. Kelly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 AM. PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY