**PLYMPTON TOWN PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

Minutes April 14, 2021, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Butler, Ross MacPherson, Colleen Thompson, John Traynor,

Jon Wilhelmsen (Chair). GUESTS PRESENT: Mark Russo,

NOTES: This meeting was conducted on a Zoom meeting platform with members participating from their homes. Members and guest will be referred to by their initials in the minutes.

ACTION ITEMS: **In bold print**

1. OPENING – JW opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. by reading the Governor’s orders of 3/12 & 15/20 which allow this Zoom meeting as a temporary change to Open Meeting Law during the COVID-19 shut-down. The meeting will be recorded to provide public access.

1. PROJECT UPDATES:
2. Ramp – Working on final design. BETA needs another week or two.
3. Town Campus – JW will get back to Tom Loughlin (BETA) after tonight’s discussion
4. Town Barn Roof – No update.
5. Town House Roof – No update.
6. Drainage – No update.
7. FIRE STATION – JW and Chief Silva visited Harwich (Station #2) and Sandwich (Forestdale Station #3). Both Harwich and Sandwich would be open to another visit by committee members. Links to project pictures given below.
8. Harwich – <https://www.kba-architects.com/projects/public-safety/harwich-fire-station-2/> Design work by Kaestle and Boos (came in second for our police station and did the newest Carver fire station). Cost $6.8 million, built on site, finished in 10/2019. Building has three drive-though bays, living space but no administrative space. This could work for us.
9. Sandwich – <https://www.capecodfd.com/PAGES%20Stations/Station-Const-Sandwich-FD-2017.htm> Also Kaestle and Boos. Cost $3.8 million. This is a better option for us. It is more utilitarian than Harwich. It is functional, clean, well laid out. They built the entire station in six months, using lifted plans. The drive-through bay section is modular and took only three days to erect. The rooms are heated with mini splits rather than a central HVAC system. They splurged on the metal roof. Though we hope it will not be needed again, this design worked well for drive-through COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Discussion: We could use the Sandwich plans with a few tweaks. This would save us a great deal of money and time. The Sandwich Chief will send us the schematics. We would still need to do design work on the septic and wells. We can reduce the design warrant from $500k to a lower number. **JW will talk to Liz Dennehy and Dan Pallotta**. P3 may still be under contract. If so, that would save us additional time. Also, DP is familiar with Plympton, our needs/desires and finances. We may need to reconsider taking the ball fields. **JW will ask BETA to redraw the plans with the Fire Station and Town Garage (1) on new land, (2) on the ball fields.** We will need to include PAYS in our conversations about this. RM said that the prices are higher now than they were in 2019 but still less than they will be in the future. He is a big fan of up-front expenses that reduce overall costs – metal roofs cost more but last longer.

1. DENNETT SCHOOL PROJECTS – Several projects will be completed by June 30th. Funding will come from monies left in this year’s school budget.
2. Sprinkler System - $8,500, being done next week.
3. Paving/Resurfacing – Driveway, parking lot, striping and creation of new spaces next to building $32,000.
4. Removal of 15± Pine Trees - $7,500, to be done before paving. This removal benefits the solar project and protects the building from possible future damage from falling trees.
5. Solar – To move forward after tree removal
6. Siding – Looking for quotes for this work. It is expected that this will be phased, one side per phase, beginning with the south side.
7. OTHER DISCUSSIONS –
8. CT suggested adding a pavilion to the Campus Plan. Others agreed.
9. CT suggested adding a dog park on Town-owned land for future consideration. Maybe across the street from Harry Jason. Others suggested the current basketball court area.
10. COVID-19 Recovery Funds – Expect $280k from the Federal govt. Additional $500k± depends on how it is distributed, whether from the county or the state. These funds are to be used for infrastructure projects. Expect project costs to increase since all towns will have this money to spend.
11. Town Meeting – We need to educate people about this committee and the warrants. Maybe hold a Zoom Open House? We also need to encourage people to attend.
12. MINUTES: NB moved that the minutes for March 10, 2021 be approved as written. JT seconded. Roll Call Vote: NB aye, JW aye, RM aye, CT aye. JT had left to attend another meeting.
13. NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday 4/27/21, Wednesday 5/19/21
14. ADJOURNMENT: 6:53, NB moved; CT seconded