

Plympton Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2019

Plympton Town House

In attendance:

Board of Selectmen (BOS): Christine M. Joy (CJ), Mark E. Russo (MR) and John A. Traynor Jr. (JT) and joining later Town Administrator: Elizabeth Dennehy (TA)

The open meeting session opened at 6:00.

Warrants paid totaling \$18,660.67 were detailed by CJ.

Motion made by CJ, and seconded by JT, to appoint Carl Johnson as Highway Department Equipment Operator. Vote 3-0

A contract awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs to the Plympton Council on Aging, for a grant of \$95,000 to install an Elevator/Lift, was discussed and accepted. Motion made by CJ, and seconded by JT, to sign the contract. Vote 3-0

Signage for the Plympton Old Town House is ready to be installed. It is dependent on weather and the availability of Rick Ducharme, who has agreed to install the letters at no cost to the town.

The Town Center Campus Committee has met and organized with Jon Wilhelmsen appointed as Chair. A list of equipment, and associated maintenance, by department will be developed by the Town Administrator for their review. The next meeting is set for December 18th at 6:15.

The potential leasing of land from the Soule Homestead for Two Brooks Preserve parking was discussed. It was agreed that it made sense for the BOS to reach out to the Soule Homestead for a meeting. It was suggested that Rick Burnett be contacted to do an introduction to the Soule Homestead Board. Mark Russo will act as point man for the BOS presentation to the Soule Homestead.

TA requested that the BOS sign the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs contract awarding the yearly formula grant. Motion made by CJ, and seconded by JT, to sign the contract. Vote 3-0

Town Moderator Barry DeCristofano and Town Clerk Patricia Detterman joined the BOS meeting. The articles to be voted on at the Special Town Meeting of December 16th were reviewed:

Article 1 – Solar Energy Facilities – requires a 2/3 vote – motion to be made by a member of the Planning Committee.

Article 2 – An Act Exempting Matthew M Clancy from Section 91 of the Chapter 32 of the General Laws – majority vote – motion to be made by CJ.

Article 3 – Allow BOS to establish designated safety zones – majority vote – motion to be made by MR.

Article 4 – Motion to pay 20% matching grant for a Council on Aging wheelchair accessible van – requires a 2/3 vote- motion to be made by JT

Article 5 – Motion to amend regulations relative to the control of dogs – majority vote - motion to be made by Alan Wheelock

Article 6 – Motion to transfer from Overlay Surplus \$270,000 for reducing the Fiscal 2020 interim tax rate- majority vote - motion to be made by a member of the board of Assessors.

Article 7 – Motion to transfer from Overlay Surplus \$20,000 for updating CAMA system software – majority vote - motion to be made by a member of the board of Assessors.

TA requested that the BOS authorize the BOS Clerk to sign the bond for the financing of the new police station. Motion made by CJ, and seconded by MR, to sign the contract. Vote 3-0

TA indicated that the switch over to the new email addresses was in process. The new address will end in @plymptontown.org.

TA gave an update on the Wage and Personnel intention to address policy and procedures and job descriptions.

Next BOS meeting is December 16th at 6:00 at the Dennett School, prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

John Traynor. Clerk