

Plympton Board of Selectmen - Executive Session

October 6, 2014 Minutes

Present: Mark Russo, John Henry, Colleen Thompson

At 6:00 p.m. Mark Russo opened the regular open session of the Plympton Board of Selectman. Mark Russo moved that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing Sakr legal case and Comcast contract negotiations, with the intention of returning to BOS open session. John Henry seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mark Russo - Aye, John Henry - Aye, Colleen Thompson - Aye

1. Sakr Litigation - We have received a copy of the JUDGEMENT ON MOTION TO DISMISS from the Plymouth County Superior Court. The complaint of the plaintiff, Suzzane T. Sakr was dismissed and the defendants (Town of Plympton, et al) can recover their costs of action.

BOS discussion/**Actions to be taken:** After some discussion the BOS decided to go forward as follows: John Henry moved that we contact Town Counsel about recovering the costs of action. Mark Russo seconded. Unanimously approved. **Mark Russo will contact K&P.**

2. Comcast Contract Negotiations -Though there is still a little room for negotiation, it is expected to have the terms of this contract within the next two weeks.

BOS discussion/**Actions to be taken:** What if we don't enter into a contract with Comcast? Comcast may just close the Halifax studio and suggest that Plympton take them to court to settle the dispute. This would be very costly in legal fees. Comcast may keep the studio open until the new Tri-Town Studio is up and running.

The Tri-Town Studio agreement is nearly finalized. The studio will move to a new space - most likely in the Cornerstone plaza in North Carver. This brings it closer to Plympton and Halifax. Renting a new space could be expensive. Will there be any additional costs? Each town is allotted approximately \$4,000. to cover their events. This is more than ample for what we currently do. Anything above the \$4k will be the responsibility of the individual town to either pay for or elicit the help of volunteers. Eventually there will be automated cameras and microphones in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. There should also be some form of live transmission, probably via the internet.

3. Approval of previous Executive Session minutes.

MR moved that we accept the ES minutes for September 29, 2014 as written. JH seconded. Unanimously approved.

Return to Open Session - At 6:11 Mark Russo moved that the BOS close the Executive Session and return to open session. John Henry seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mark Russo - Aye, John Henry - Aye, Colleen Thompson - Aye