



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2016

6:45 pm

Plympton Town House
New Meeting Room

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, & Christine Joy, Town Coordinator; Dale Pleau, Town Counsel Representative; Llana Quirk.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm.

Mr. Russo opened meeting with a moment of silence.

Announcement:

- Open government vacancies
- Mr. Russo announced he will not be running for re-election.

Brook Street Home Invasion:

- A resident from the Brook Street Retreat was reported breaking into a home located on Brook Street. Mr. Russo addressed the unfortunate circumstance. Mr. Russo wanted to clarify the decision for approval of zoning of the Brook Street Retreat was not made by the BOS. An abutter to the property complained of no reverse 911 call made and it was informed that the alleged perpetrator was under the influence of drugs and had 4 outstanding warrants. The BOS will investigate and the matter will be addressed at the 03/21/16 BOS meeting.

Maple Street Group Home:

- Possible legal issue regarding the Proposed Maple Street Group Home. A letter was sent by the attorney representing them to the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. The letter is asking for reconsideration of the denial for permits for the project and expressed the possibility of legal action for discrimination. They are requesting an extension of the reconsideration or looking for a response in 14 days of the decision. Town Counsel will review and work with Zoning Officer and the Fire Chief with all concerns.

Proposed Medical Marijuana Facility:

- Mr. Randall is seeking a letter of support that is required for the application he would be submitting with the state for his proposed grow facility. If a letter of support is granted it can't be overturned. There have been many concerns regarding the zoning Bylaws and the definitions of "farming". There are questions if growing marijuana is considered agriculture or if it is a medical product. There was discussion of a Host Community Agreement being written from Mr. Randall and submitted for negotiations. The Town Clerks office received a Citizen Petition from town residents. Attorney Krause, the legal counsel obtained by an abutter of Mr. Randall's property, presented a memorandum to the BOS. The BOS will once again review the request and documents submitted and will add this to the 3/14/16 agenda for further discussion.

Town Clerk:

- Request to speak with Town Counsel regarding Town Counsel-Business license procedure.



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Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to approve Town Clerks request to speak with Town Counsel. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

Town Coordinator:

- Solar updates
- Town Meeting Warrant Articles
- Grant filed for the email exchange server and is pending a response.

Board Goals & Priorities:

- Town Administrator job description
- Public Safety Capital Improvement Plan
- Town Report
 - Outstanding reports due
 - Town Report cover photos

Correspondence:

- Halifax/Plympton Express Newspaper.
- Position of Highway Surveyor from Elected to Appointed.

Vote: Mr. Russo made motion Ilana to draft the article to change the position of Highway Surveyor from elected to appointed. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

Dates to Remember:

- Executive Session 3/14/16, 03/21/16 & 3/28/16 start time 5:30pm
- BOS meetings 3/14/16, 3/21/16 & 3/28/16 start time 6:00pm
- Public Safety Meeting 03/09/16 & 3/16/16 at 6:00pm

Minutes:

- Public Safety Building Committee 03/02/16

Mr. Russo made motion to approve 3/02/16 Public Safety minutes as presented. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

Voted to adjourn at 8:50pm: Motion Chairman Russo, Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm

Respectively Submitted,

Brigette D. Martins



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