



BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MINUTES

April 11, 2016  
6:00 pm

Plympton Town House  
New Meeting Room

Present: Selectmen: Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, & Christine Joy, Town Coordinator; Dale Pleau.  
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Russo opened meeting with a moment of silence.

**Brook Retreat:**

- Town Counsel reviewed information submitted that if the retreat curriculum is based on the AA Big Book they do qualify as educational exemption per the Dover Amendment. The town has no authority to require certifications from the retreat. They do need to have annual varification done by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. This had not been done possibly because of the Zoning Officer Mr. Karling having recused himself. This will be scheduled on a go forward basis. Town Counsel did recommend for neighbors to keep a log of any unlawful or inappropriate activity to see if the house rises to the level of being a public nuisance. Mrs. Joy feels the AA Big Book is more religious than educational. The BOS would like a written curriculum from the retreat to show and to honor what they originally presented to the town at the 9/25/14 BOS meeting.

**Vote: Mr. Russo made a motion for Mrs. Joy to speak with the Building Commissioner Tom Millias who was the acting Zoning officer, Mr. Karling, the Zoning Officer, is a neighbor of the retreat and has recused himself. BOS are requesting for Brook Retreat to prove they are an educational facility and for the retreats curriculum. Second, Ms. Thompson. 3/0**

**Vote: Ms. Thompson made a motion for Mrs. Joy to draft a letter addressed to the retreat on what their procedures are and in particular the CORI checks. Second, Mr. Russo, 3/0.**

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion for Mrs. Joy to speak with Town Counsel regarding the information she has to confirm that the retreat meets the requirement for the Dover Amendment. Second, Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

**Solar Update:**

- Zach from Borrego submitted PPA for consideration for the Freetown Project. Borrego is seeking a letter of intent.

**Vote: Ms. Thompson made motion to commit to a letter of intent to enter in a PPA with Borrego. Second, Mr. Russo. 3/0.**

- There are four future PILOT Agreements to be submitted from Borrego for review and added to the agenda 4/21/16 for inclusion on Town Meeting Warrant.

**Appointments:**

- 6:30 Eversource owns an 8 acre parcel of land that abuts Cato's Ridge. Suggestion to enter into a license agreement to use the land. There is no cost to the town other than legal costs. Con Com & Open Space have agreed to share legal costs. Mr. Taranto will submit request to speak with Town Counsel to consult with the license agreement.



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**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion for Conservation Committee and Open Space to consult with Town Counsel regarding the license agreement. Second Mrs. Joy, 3/0.**

- 6:45 Marijuana Grow Facility abutters spoke regarding the legislative codification for the clarification of marijuana as non-agricultural. A presentation from abutters and Mr. Randall were heard. Mr. Randall's attorney is requesting a template for Community Hosting agreements from Town Counsel and that Mr. Randall would cover the costs. There were concerns from citizens on why Town Counsel should be sharing templates and if this procedure was legal.

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to authorize Town Counsel to share Community Host Agreements to Attorney Krause. Second, Ms. Thompson, 2/0. Mrs. Joy opposed.**

**Town Report 2015:**

- Cover Photo.

**Personnel Handbook:**

- Snow Closure procedure and posting of closures reviewed.

**Public Safety:**

- Next meeting 4/13/16 at 6:00. The Sub-Committee will present their review of the consultant applications. The committee will use this info to determine cost range.

**Collins Group:**

- Confirmed Comparison Communities for financial polices: Pembroke Kingston Halifax Rochester Brookfield Carver
- DOR next meeting 5/2/16.

**Annual Town Meeting Warrants:**

- Mr. Pleau will send the 2016 Warrant Articles to Town Counsel for vetting.
  - Pending place Holders on Land Purchase Article and The Consultant Article

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to have Town Counsel begin vetting process of Warrant Articles. Second. Mrs. Joy, 3/0.**

- Reminder to Town Counsel of the 10 Citizen Petitions

**Silver Lake Land Parcel:**

- Maureen Springer spoke in behalf of the School Committee with support of the project.

**Economic Development Committee:**

- Discussion of forming an EDCom of 7 to 9 members
- Helping to bring business to the town

**Correspondence:**



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- Columbia Gas
  - 104 Main Street
  - 49 Mayflower Road
  - 59 Mayflower Road

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 3 Dig Safe projects submitted by Columbia Gas. Second, Ms. Thompson, 3/0**

- Girl Scouts are requesting use of town property for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dog Adoption 9/25/16.

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to approve request to use town property by Girl Scout Troop 75462 pending the approval of all departments. Second, Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

- Girl Scouts submitted application to Building Department for a sign for their Community Garden. Mr. Karling has asked if fee of \$25 can be waived.

**Vote: Mr. Russo made a motion for the fee of \$25 to be waived to the Building Dept for the Girl Scout sign. Second, Ms. Thompson.**

- Plympton Police appointments of Alexander Navarez to Special Officer

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to approve Mr. Navarez to Special Officer until 6/30/16. Second, Mrs. Joy, 3/0.**

- ABCC
- Express Newspaper
- Silver Lake Regional School District letter to the Treasurer
- Board of Health letter to Plymouth Rock Rubbish Removal
- United Way
- Department of Environmental protection
- Yarmouth Town Library memo
- Plympton Open Space Committee open invitation for celebration of the official opening of Churchill Park & Cato's Ridge
- Letters of support for the proposed Medical Marijuana Grow Facility.
- Letters of opposition for the proposed Medical Marijuana Facility
- Lynch, Malloy, Marini LLP audit request.

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion for Chairman Mr. Russo to sign for approval of the audit request. Second, Mrs. Joy, 3/0.**

**Dates to Remember:**

- BOS meetings 4/13/16 6:00
- BOS 4/21/16 start time 5:30pm
- Public Safety Meeting 4/16/16 start time 6:00pm
- Kingston Town House 4/21/16 at 6:30 to discuss Kingston land sale and proposed Kingston Police Station.

**Minutes:**

- BOS Meeting 3/28/16



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**Vote: Mrs. Joy made motion to approve 3/28/16 BOS minutes as amended. Second Ms. Joy, 2/0. Mr. Russo abstained**

**Voted to adjourn at 8:45. Mr. Russo, second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm**

Respectively Submitted,

Brigette D. Martins

Board of Selectmen Assistant