



BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MINUTES

April 21, 2016

5:30 pm

Plympton Town House  
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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Selectmen, Chair Mark Russo (MR), Colleen Thompson (CT) and Christine Joy (CJ) and Town Coordinator Dale Pleau present.

Chairman Russo called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Noting that the Fire Chief was not present he would begin with a different agenda item.

**Selectmen Discussion of Marijuana Grow Facility request:**

Mr. Russo began with a statement of his positions and general comments. He is unhappy with the disagreement he has with Selectman Joy on this issue. He stated that he had a freedom of information request for 250 emails and he completed the task in 2 days and included his personal notes on the issue.

Mr. Russo proceeded to give his personal information, age, background etc. to those present.

He stated that he had read the draft "Community Host Agreement" and thought it was a good document. He mentioned the 3 citizen petition articles that had been submitted and that he would discuss them with town counsel. He understands the concerns people have with the request but they have to remember the loss of revenue if the project is not completed. Stated he is concerned about the citizen's petitions and the chaos they cause.

Selectman Thompson said she spoke with the Commonwealth Attorney for marijuana laws. States that she wants the process to play out. We should draw up a contract with no obligation to sign it at this time. States that this needs more time to develop.

Selectman Joy states that she doesn't think it's allowed in the residential zone. It should be put where it's allowed. It is a controlled substance under MGL Ch. 94C.

Selectman Russo says planting seeds is agriculture. We should explore the zoning and the town meeting articles and seek advice from town counsel.

General discussion about town meeting articles and a plan to talk about the host agreement at the 4//25/16 meeting

**MOTION: CT to allow Selectman Russo to contact town counsel and she should respond in writing. Second CJ, Unanimous MR**

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**Maple Street Drive way issues:**

General discussion and input from neighbor. They have spoken to an attorney who says the intent of the by law is clear but it could have been written better.

Zoning Officer Bob Karling denied the driveway in 2014 and there was no appeal.

Fire Chief Warren Borsari says he set the 12’ minimum due to the size of his department’s vehicles. States that there is a new provision in 527 CMR that allows him to regulate driveway width. He does not feel that 12’ is unreasonable.

**Sand & Gravel Permit:**

Discussion: Selectman Joy would like to do a site visit this weekend. Mr. Randall says this weekend would not be good. At this point Mr. Randall apologized to Selectmen’s Assistant Briggette Martins for statements he had made at the last meeting. He admitted it was his error. Ms. Martins was not in attendance at the BOS meeting.

**MOTION: MR To approve the gravel permit pending a site visit. Second CJ, Unanimous CT**

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**Fire Chief Articles on Warrant:**

The \$16,800 SCBA Air Packs article is for a 10% matching federal grant

The \$12,000 article breakdown:

\$5297 Fire alarm for the station

\$1085 A main entry door repair. (Replacement would be \$3284

Remainder for painting, flooring and plumbing.

The \$11,000 article is for IV pumps mandated by the State for EMS vehicles

The \$8,130 article is for upgraded energy efficient lighting. (ROI is 2.5 years)

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**BOS Votes on Annual Town Meeting Warrant:**

**Articles 1-7 unanimous support**

**Article 8 unanimous support**

**Article 9-15 unanimous support**

**Article 16 1-2 vote (CJ no)**

**Article 17-18 unanimous support**

**Article 19 – 29 Hold no vote taken**

**Article 29 2-1 vote (CJ yes)**

**Article 30 Not Recommended 2-1 (CJ yes)**  
**Article 31 - 41 unanimous support**

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**BOS Votes on Special Town Meeting Warrant:**

**All Articles - unanimous support**

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**Correspondence:**

Read by CJ

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**9:04 MOTION: CT to adjourn the meeting. Second JH, Unanimous MR**

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. De...', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Town Coordinator