

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2012

Attendees: John Henry, Joe Freitas and Barry DeCristofano

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations with non-union personnel (Purpose #2) on a motion by Mr. Freitas, second by Mr. DeCristofano. Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mr. Freitas – yes, Mr. DeCristofano – yes.

Richard Nordahl (Board of Assessors) and Deb Stuart (Assistant Assessor) were present.

Mr. Nordahl explained the situation with their attempt to sign an employment agreement with Ms. Stuart. As a State retiree, she cannot work more than 960 hours per year without a reduction in her pension. However, they feel that 960 hours is not enough to accomplish the job. Mr. Nordahl then went into a discussion of how much the Board of Assessors want to pay Ms. Stuart and how much of an increase they are considering for the upcoming year.

In an effort to help, Mr. Henry suggested that in asking Town Meeting for an increase, they point out that because of her qualifications, they could eliminate the outside help they get on commercial appraisals. Mr. Nordahl and Ms. Stuart said they will still need that outside help and can't realize savings there.

Mr. DeCristofano explained his view that the Assessors are elected by the residents to run the department and Town Meeting appropriates a certain amount of money for them to engage an Assistant Assessor. How they go about getting the required workload accomplished within that budget was entirely up to them. It was not a matter that the Board of Selectmen had any say over.

They thanked the Board for their input and left.

At 7:10 p.m., the Board left Executive Session and recessed briefly prior to beginning the Board's weekly open meeting on a motion by Mr. DeCristofano, second – Mr. Freitas. Roll call vote: Mr. Henry – yes, Mr. Freitas – yes and Mr. DeCristofano – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry DeCristofano
Selectman