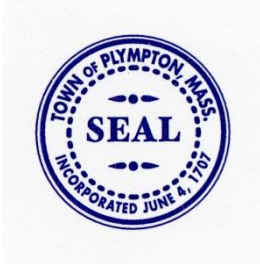


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BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MINUTES

February 23, 2015

7:00 pm

Plympton Town House  
Community Meeting Room

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Selectmen, Chair Mark Russo (MR), Colleen Thompson (CT) and John Henry (JH) and Town Coordinator Dale Pleau present.

Chairman Russo called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Mr. Russo opened the meeting with a statement of ground rules and a moment of silence.

**Meeting with the Finance Committee:**

- FinCom Chair Susan Ossoff stated the revenue projections for FY16 will be slightly less than this year. She stated that the Fire Department has yet to submit a budget for FY 16. With the remainder of the budgets in the hands of the FinCom and assuming a normal budget for the fire department the short fall for FY 16 is approximately \$500,000. Mr. Henry proposed cuts of 2% across the board as a possible means to bring the numbers into line. General discussion followed on various possibilities for balancing the FY 16 operational budget.

The FinCom and Selectmen agreed to meet again on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

- The Board signed a Class II License for Southern Auto. The Board had previously voted to approve the license.
- The selectmen discussed the draft of the town house closure policy  
**Motion: MR to accept the Town House closure policy draft as written. Second CT, Unanimous**
- Mr. Russo announced openings on the Finance Committee and several other committees. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming election on May 16, 2015.
- There was discussion of the February 20, 2015 Special Town Meeting. They extended special thanks to Town Clerk Tara Morrison and Town Moderator John Traynor for a job well done. The Board also feels that Finance Committee members should be included as part of the new Silver Lake School Committee, Revenue Sub Committee.

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- Use of social media. Mr. Henry expressed hope that town officials would refrain from using social media related to the town and also commenting on Town business on social media.
- Recording of meetings. There was a general discussion of various ways and funding options to record meetings of town boards and committees. Mr. Russo recommends joining the Tri-Town Studio. Ms. Thompson agrees. Karen Foye read a letter from Mass Access.

**Motion: MR, If additional legal funds are needed for cable access up to \$2000 may be spent from the Legal services line item, Second CT, Unanimous**

- Recreation Commission - The Commission presented that they have been responsible for the sprinkler system at the Dennett School soccer and baseball fields for 10 years. The annual cost is about \$1000. They would like to relinquish their responsibility for maintaining the system stating that is is too costly for their budget. General discussion followed. Art Morin asked why the cost was so high. Mr. Russo says that there is no extra money this year to pay additional funds for the system. The Selectmen took the matter under advisement.
- It was noted by the Board that the deadline for material for the Town Report is soon and they are looking for new content.
- The Board instructed Mr. Pleau to let the members of the Public Safety Building Committee and the reporter for the Plympton – Halifax Express that the BOS will hold an informational hearing about the building project at their next meeting on March 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
- Annual and Special town meetings May 13, 2015.  
**Motion: JH to open the warrants for both meetings. Second CT, Unanimous**  
**Motion: JH to call town counsel about rescinding a vote taken at last year's annual town meeting, Second CT, Unanimous.**
- It was noted that there are BOS meetings every Monday in March except March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Town Coordinator noted that electric consumption is down town wide as a result of the lighting upgrades done in August with the Green Communities Grant money.
- Correspondence.
- Minutes

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**Motion: MR, to accept the minutes of February 2, 2015. Second CT, Unanimous  
Motion: JH, to accept the minutes of February 9, 2015. Second MR, Unanimous  
Motion: MR, to accept the minutes of February 19, 2015. Second CT, Unanimous**

**7:51 MOTION: CT to adjourn the meeting. Second MR, Unanimous JH**

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Town Coordinator