

Board of Selectman and Town Boards/Committees
Joint Meeting Minutes

Date October 23, 2013

Time 7:00pm

Minutes taken by Town Clerk, Tara Wick

Minutes: Began @ 7:00pm

Agricultural Commission- Dick Nordahl gave description of what the AgComm does and a brief description of projects happening in the town.

Signs possibly to be placed "Right to Farm" around town.

Project involved with the Garden Club.

Promoting and generating agriculture in the town.

Assessors-Dick Nordahl discussed that a decision was made to change to Vision's software. and completed triennial assessment with Dept. of Revenue for certification. New maps will help Conservation, Planning board, etc... Each record will be on line shortly. Anticipate solar revenues and efficiencies developing. Assessors would like to recommend a standardized review/appraisal system.

Board of Health-Jack Doyle describes board covering health and safety of Town and general health Dept. of Town.

Board of Selectmen-Joe Freitas, John Henry, Mark Russo-Goals were to foster more friendships and direction of committees to talk and be fair and honest with opportunity to foster more communication. There is work in front of the Selectmen to be done. Re: In January 2013 State put together a budget using an estimate only. State changed estimate on July 13th. Sysco came and estimate was made for new growth in May. When the final assessment happened with the market value for a \$100 million distribution center, the fair market value is a considerable amount less. Estimate based on cost is much different than estimate of value. At Town meeting, the levy limit was over spent, which is illegal. An option to rectify this is to call a special Town meeting, (1) take a bit out of stabilization and do a prop 2 ½, (2) cut budgets. The decision was made to go up by 2 ½% by law. An estimate should not go up as close to the levy limit. We must move on and learn from it.

Question: Jack Doyle re; estimate.

-Data given was cost. When final number came, it was fair market a value, that is different from cost.

-The only comparison was a Stop+Shop in Freetown and they are not actually the same at all.

-A special Town meeting could be called by Town's people that would reflect in the second half of the tax bills.

Community Preservation Committee- Churchill Park still in progress. Jason Park project is completed. Deadline just passed for applications for this year. New development: State match changes from 22-26% to 40% or more.

Conservation Commission- Jeff Smith says they are taking on new custodial duties of Town owned projects.

Council on Aging- Chris Mairano discussed new van, Tricia Detterman as new Aide, Mark Gabriel helps with news letter, and she has office hours 9-2 at the Town House on Thursdays.

Fire Dept.- Warren Borsari gave description of responsibilities: suppression of fires, prevention, and safety. BOS supporting growth and level service for advanced life support.

Highway/Keeper of Dams/Transfer Station/Burial Agent-Jim Mulcahy discussed Cedar St. paving project, CPC money to help Jason Park, and working on mowing and brush removal. Reviewing septic plan with BOS for The Transfer Station. Well will be drilled soon.

Historical Commission- Jane Schulze discussed preservation of antique structures and preservation. Biggest project in town; CPA project-surveying antique homes. Over 100 in our town.

Chris Mairano discussed some revisions being made at the Historical Society Bldg and lots of events coming up.

Library-Tricia Detterman discussed reviewing draft for long range plan. Current plan is 5 years old.

Deb Batson is directing everything. Lots of community events including Sat. coffee hour. Promotes other committees to host. Technology is being kept current. Two current projects are Eagle Scott project of patio being built in back and Garden Club landscaping.

Open Space- Vicky Maloney: Formed to protect open space for recreation and conservation purposes with use of CPC funds, Churchill Park is being formed because of land purchase. Committee is making strides.

Planning Board- Jack O'Leary (clerk of Planning Board) Recognition by Joe Freitas for their exemplary help. Administers laws that pertain to land development.

Historic District Commission- Jon Shaw. Oversees Harrubs Corner with the help of Building Dept. Possible bylaw project to help with demolition neglect bylaws.

Recreation Commission- Andy Karparis. Latest project completed.

Plympton/Dennett School Committee- Shelly Karparis. Prepares budget, direct vote on policy. Present projects; negotiations for teachers, Special Ed. Forum to have better understanding of Special Ed.

Treasurer/Collector- Colleen Morin Online bill payments and credit card payments introduced this year.
Town Coordinator-Dale Pleau, Continuing projects. "Keep Plympton a secret."

Town Building Needs Complex Study- Barry DeCristofano. Reinhart finishing up survey. Two weeks will be a meeting and a series of 3 public meetings for public to speak.

ZBA- Dave Alberti. Overview of boards. Busy over summer. Not as much in process right now.

Finance Committee- Susan Ossoff. Starting budget process again. Forms will be sent out in about a month. Once Dept. of Revenue is set, it most likely cannot be set again through a Special Town Meeting. (per Finance Committee DOR expert)

Wage and Personnel- Review compensation and salary requirements.

Moderator- John Traynor. Not in favor of Special Town Meeting. Is in favor of a public meeting to have questions answered about tax bill increases.

Cable Advisory Board-Karen Foye. Asked about status of Comcast communications. Is it continuing? Joe Freitas not happy with negotiations. Will follow up.