



BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES

October 20th, 2014
9:00 am
Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Present: Chairman Mark Russo, John Henry and Colleen Thompson
Chairman Russo called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Mr. Russo opened meeting with “ground rules” and asked all in attendance to take a few minutes of silence and gratitude.

Cato’s Ridge Park access agreement:

- Linda Leddy from the Conservation Commission was in attendance. She informed BOS that with pending sale of property on Ring Road, public access to Cato Ridge Park will be no longer available. She wanted to convey appreciation to owners on Ring Road, with their permission the public had temporary access to the park. Currently there is no legal public access until a bridge is built.

Voted: Motion made by Mr. Russo that BOS sign Cato Ridge public access termination letter. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Voted: Motion by Mr. Russo to hold an Executive session. Second Ms. Thompsom. 3/0

Brook House Retreat:

- Concerned resident had questions about Brook House and the two companies it is listed under. Strength in Numbers LLC & South Shore Transformation, which is nonprofit. Resident questioned legality of two companies. Town Coordinator, Mr. Pleau said it is very common in business and real estate that two companies are listed. Residents addressed they are extremely concerned about zoning issues and have tried to contact Building Inspector, Thomas Millias numerous times and have not gotten any response back. Mr. Henry said he would contact Mr. Millias to get an update on Brook House and see if anything has been discussed. Mr. Russo stated that this is not a BOS decision; it is a permitting decision with Zoning Office. Mr. Russo will invite Mr. Millias to the next Town meeting so these concerns can be addressed by BOS and public. Mr. Henry said these concerns can be raised at a public hearing where citizens can bring up these

questions. Mr. Henry also advised opposed neighbors to look into consulting with a lawyer.

Main Street Fire:

- BOS wanted to extend a huge thank you and appreciation to our Fire Department. They battled a 3-alarm fire on 166 Main Street. They did a remarkable job with the house fire and saved several animals. Two Plympton Firefighters were both injured at scene. Carver, Halifax and Kingston all reported to fire for assistance. BOS are extremely proud of the department and the job well done.

Solar Ongoing Projects:

- Mr. Henry stated Town of Plympton has received 15k from Blue Wave Capital for acting as host for their Mattapoisett solar installation. There is still ongoing debate with D.O.T. and cell site.
- Town Coordinator, Mr. Pleau said Blue Wave is seeking a Right of first refusal letter from BOS. This is actually a “change of use”, not a sale. Mr. Pleau will draft letter for BOS to sign forgiving any rights they have on land under Chapter 61A.

Voted: Motion made by Mr. Henry to forgive any rights we have on property under 61A. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

- Land along Carver line will still need to be rezoned. Once re-zoned we are still dealing with wet land issues. Solar will generate increased income. Land being assessed would go from 5k and acre to 43k an acre. One drawback is state is thinking of creating low income housing on Plympton side. We would need to re-direct that idea which is not favorable.

Solar Bylaw Committee:

- Mr. Henry will no longer prefer to be a member of the Solar Bylaw Committee. Ms. Thompson will now join committee. Mr. Russo suggested that if committee is willing, Ms. Thompson become Chairman, which she agreed to. Ms. Thompson will contact other members to set up a first meeting.

Inter-municipal agreement with Kingston:

- In 2014 BOS voted to pay the entire assessment of \$106,000 over the next four years. Mr. Russo stated it is in our best interest to fulfill this commitment for the next four

years. This amount still has to be approved in budget every year. Ms. Thompson suggested we try to change our payment date to a later date. Mr. Pleau will draft letter to implement a later due date for payments.

Voted: Motion by Mr. Russo to agree to terms but also try to change payment date to a later due date. Ms. Thompson second. 3/0.

D.O.R review:

- D.O.R met with numerous departments. Mr. Russo was very impressed and received great information.

Town Website/ I.T:

- To be discussed at a later date.

Comcast Contract:

- Tri-town draft contract has been drawn up. Attorney Peter Epstein (Negotiator with Comcast contract) has marked up contract. Jerry Buckley of Comcast will mark up contract next. Mr. Henry had several concerns regarding contract. Does not believe contract is favorable. He is strongly against subscribers being taxed and believes they have a right to review contract and hear what is being presented. Mr. Henry thinks draft should be sent to Town Counsel for review and also a public hearing should happen so subscribers are aware what is going on. Does not agree with Comcast billing in advance and paying Plympton later.
- Mr. Russo believes this is a very favorable contract and it builds trust with Halifax and Carver. Plympton will receive 100 televised meetings for free, in house camera and microphones for Town Hall and Dennett School. Mr. Russo does not believe we need a public hearing to move forward and make a decision. No point in hiring another firm to review contract. Mr. Russo is ready to sign contract and believes Plympton is very well protected. Mr. Russo believes we are running out of time and need to make sure we are part of the Tri-town agreement.
- Ms. Thompson believes Mr. Henry raises very valid points and would like some time to read and review the entire contract. She is hesitant along with Mr. Russo to bring in another counsel to review.

Voted: Motion made by Mr. Henry for public hearing on Comcast Contract. Second Ms. Thomspson. 1/ 2

**Voted: Motion made by Mr. Henry to see review of Comcast contract by Town Counsel.
Second Ms. Thompson. 1/2**

Future BOS Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting scheduled for 10/27/14 at 6:00 pm & every Monday night in November at 6 pm.
(11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24).

TOWN COORDINATOR REPORT:

- No pressing issues at this time. Mr. Pleau will draft letter for Blue Wave and have BOS sign it.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Comcast open house 10/31, 1-8 pm. Food and drinks. Come in costume. Drawing for Comcast customers for 6 months free cable.
- MTWFA Tree Warden Nominations.
- Resignation letter from Christine Maiorano from Plympton Historical Society.
- Xfinity 3D is no longer available for service effective December 18th, 2014.
- Comcast complimentary internet speed assessment letter.
- WB Mason statement of account.
- Plympton-Halifax Express local paper.
- Xfinity Municipal Emergency reporting procedure.
- Solar Bylaws Review Committee, names and emails of members.
- Deutsche Bank- notice of expiration on noninterest-bearing accounts.
- MMA fall conference invitation.
- Nextera Energy- Notice of holdover period for MA commercial customers.
- Old Colony Planning Council seeking members.

MINUTES:

- **Motion: Mr. Henry to accept minutes of 10/6/14 Executive meeting with corrections.
Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0**

Approved10.27.14

- **Motion: Mr. Henry to accept minutes of 10/6/14 BOS meeting minutes with corrections.
Second Mr. Russo. 3/0**

MOTION: Mr. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 am. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie

Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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