



BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MINUTES

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

6:15 pm

Plympton Town House  
Community Meeting Room

Present: Chairman Mark Russo, John Henry and Colleen Thompson

The Board met in Executive Sessions: Sakr on-going litigation and Comcast negotiations

Chairman Russo called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Mr. Russo opened meeting with "ground rules" and asked all in attendance to take a quiet thirty seconds to use as they wished.

**ONGOING DISCUSSIONS:**

**Brook Street:**

- Brook Street permitting process was discussed. Thomas Millias and zoning agent could not attend meeting tonight. This is a complex project with a lot of opinions. Board of Health does not want to make septic decision until zoning is approved. Mr. Henry stated that Board of Health needs to make decision first. Mr. Russo will check on this and report back.

**Voted: Motion made by Mr. Henry to propose Zoning Agent and Inspector Millias spend up to 10 hours with Town Counsel. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0**

**Veteran Memorial Sign:**

- Group of Veterans were present at meeting tonight to state their case for newly designed Veterans sign. Mr. Russo addressed audience to assure that everyone will be heard then a sensitive decision will be made. A new sign was voted against a year ago by BOS (family of Mr. Wollaston was also not in favor). Pictures of the old sign were presented to board. The plaque at corner of County Road and Main St. was put in during the 1950's and is not visible from road. It is also extremely hazardous to get out of car to view it at the busy intersection. The new sign made by Colonial Brass was presented. New sign was funded through donations. Pole and installation were donated at no cost. Plaque is dedicated to Veteran Mr. Wollaston, who was killed in action. The new sign is at street sign height and very visible. There is a solar light lit on the pole. Mr. Russo asked if light would be disruptive to neighbors. He was informed it would not be. Mr. Russo asked if anyone had concerns. Family representing Mr. Wollaston were present and are not opposed to sign. Veterans would like new sign installed by Veterans Day.

**Voted: Motion made by Mr. Henry to grant permission for sign to be installed. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0**

Town Coordinator, Mr. Pleau proposed Dig Safe is called before any pole is installed to avoid gas lines.

**Citizen Concerns:**

- Sysco: Noise was addressed. Town residents are complaining of compressor noise at night. Building commissioner and Planning Board have both looked into issue without any findings. Mr. Russo talked to them about decibel level. Noise was not found to be at piercing level. Citizen present at meeting asked if anyone has asked DEP to look into this issue. Mr. Russo welcomed the suggestion and will explore with DEP.
- Tractor Supply: Still a struggle with tree replacement and residents across street. No trees have currently been replaced. It might be too late in the season now to replace them.
- Upland Club: Town resident sent email complaining about excessive gun fire and motorcycle racing. Mr. Henry has attempted to get in touch with the Upland Club manager three times. He will follow up again.

**Solar Ongoing Projects:**

- Mr. Henry has plans to meet with DOT regarding solar project.

**Solar/Wetlands Bylaw Updates:**

- Mr. Russo met with Conservation Commission to review wetlands bylaws.
- Town needs to create Solar Bylaw review committee. Committee would review present bylaws and compare them to other towns. Committee would balance needs/concerns of individuals along with needs of town. Mr. Russo has a list of capable people that want to join. (John Henry, Jake Jacobsen, Dominique Sampson, Pat Royal, Amy Cronin) Mr. Henry suggested Town Coordinator, Mr. Pleau be somehow involved with this new committee. First step is to call first meeting and appoint chairman. Mr. Henry agreed to contact everyone to set up first meeting.

**Comcast:**

- No new updates. Still in contract negotiations.

### **Town Website/I.T**

- No new development.

### **Future BOS Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting scheduled for 10/20/14 at 9:00 am & 10/27/14 at 6:00 pm.

### **TOWN COORDINATOR REPORT:**

- DOR will be here for interviews tomorrow. They will first meet with accountant and treasurer. They will eventually meet with all departments. Mr. Russo thanked Mr. Pleau, Town Coordinator for getting all the paperwork together for DOR. Mr. Pleau let Mr. Henry and Ms. Thompson know that since they won't be available for DOR they can also set up phone interviews with them.
- George Collins, Chief Engineer has been doing percolation tests on Maple Street and Palmer Road. He recommends having additional testing done. The board has approved 10k per site. Mr. Pleau stated it will be about 30k to evaluate all town land. So far we have spent less than 3k. Selectman Mr. Russo stepped down to sit down in audience as a citizen since he is an abutter to land. Ms. Thompson says we need an estimate of tests done so we know how much to use on other sites. Mr. Pleau reiterated so far we have only spent a couple thousand. Ms. Thompson thinks we should continue testing. Mr. Russo would like to speak as an abutter not Selectmen. He doesn't think land is a good site for public safety building. Town has spent a lot of money so far for first round of testing. He is concerned town is spending too much money for nothing to come out of it. He also stated that a large section of a stone wall was damaged during testing and asks that if further testing is done that wall please not be disturbed. Mr. Pleau will instruct engineer to be careful of stone wall. Mr. Henry again stated BOS is authorized to spend 10k.

**Voted: Motion made by Mr. Henry to continue testing project. Second Ms. Thompson. 2/0/1 Mr. Russo recused.**

Engineer wrote email to Mr. Pleau with his concerns of Mrs. Russo being present at percolation tests. He doesn't want to be liable for her health and welfare. Mr. Russo read email and stated he would like to absolve town of any liability. Mr. Pleau told Mr.

Russo he cannot waive his rights, ultimately town is still responsible. Mr. Henry suggested putting up caution tape and using hard hats so they can speculate from a safe distance. Mr. Pleau will email the engineer and let him know he can have control over work site area and within reason, limit the area people have access to.

### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

- Application was sent to BOS for use at Dennett School for Strength in Numbers fundraising walk. Tom Rielly who submitted request was present at meeting. Strength in Numbers is associated with Brook House. Mr. Pleau, Town Coordinator advised Mr. Rielly that school needs to be contacted since walk is taking place on their premises. Mr. Pleau will scan request form to school committee. EMS and police detail also need to sign off on this form. Concerned resident in audience asked if any paperwork has been filed yet for Brook House. His concern is that Brook House technically does not exist yet and neither state nor town has authorized Brook House. How can a group raise funds if it's not approved through town yet? Mr. Reilly addressed residents concern and stated that Brook House is listed under South Shore Transformations LLC. LLC owns house which leases to the nonprofit organization, Brook House. Mr. Henry made the point if the 501 (c) (3) is filed it does exist. Mr. Rielly said 501 (c) (3) is filed. Questions arose from BOS and resident regarding what happens to fundraising money if Brook House is denied. Mr. Pleau stated taxes would need to be paid on that money. Ultimately these are two different issues. (Fundraising & Brook House town approval). Mr. Henry indicated that Brook House could file application for use of town property and fundraise since 501 (c) (3) is filed. BOS plans to take no action at this time.
- Old Colony Planning Council – Looking for members. BOS will look into it further.
- Agenda for Old Colony Transportation Committee. (Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014)
- Plympton/Halifax Express
- Mass Interchange Transportation newsletter
- NextEra Energy – fixed price electric agreement
- MMA Fall conference- Mr. Russo and Ms. Thompson are both registered to attend.

### **MINUTES:**

- **Motion: Mr. Russo to accept minutes of 9/29/14 meeting with corrections. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0**
- BOS agreed that they would like more detail in meeting minutes that are taken by BOS assistant, Kristen LeVangie.

**7:18 MOTION: Mr. Russo to adjourn the meeting. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0**

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie

Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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