



**BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES**

September 8, 2014
6:00 pm
Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

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 6:02 pm. Opening statements by Mr. Russo pertaining to the public informational hearing on the Brook Street Retreat House, the Tax Classification Hearing and the Ascertainment Hearing for Comcast to be held this evening.

Ongoing Discussions:

- Solar Updates. Mr. Henry stated he had no new updates for current solar projects.
- BOS Assistant position: MR states that nearly 20 applications were received. Six applicants were interviewed at the 9/3 BOS meeting and another meeting will be held on Wednesday 9/10 to interview 3 more applicants.
- Review of the August 25, 2014 meeting of boards and committees has been completed.
- Sysco Noise Complaint: The police department will observe and log traffic on Brook and Spring streets.
- Tri-Town Studio: The BOS is now reviewing a draft agreement for a 3 town joint cable studio. Comcast has been asked for costs to create 1 or 2 origination points in Plympton.

Correspondence:

- Mayflower Agreement.
MOTION: CT to sign the agreement. Second JH, Unanimous MR

Dates to Remember:

- BOS Meeting Monday 9/16 (Will address frequency of meetings on 9/16)

Minutes:

- **Motion: CT to accept minutes of 8/28 meeting. Second JH, Unanimous MR**
- **Motion: CT to accept minutes of 8/25 meeting. Second JH, Unanimous MR**
- **Motion: CT to accept minutes of 9/3 meeting. Second JH, Unanimous MR**

Other Business not anticipated:

- Request from Mr. Mulcahy for signatures on 2 Chapter 90 requests.

Motion: CT to sign CH 90 requests. Second JH, Unanimous MR

6:40 Recess of meeting

6:57 Reconvene meeting

Brook Street Retreat House – Informational Hearing (48 attendees)

Presentation by Principals

- Guests will come from a prior 30 day program
- No violent or sex offenders will be allowed
- There will be a zero tolerance policy for opiate medications.
- All guests will be CORI checked
- Security Cameras will be installed
- Sprinklers will be installed
- The program is spiritual in nature
- The home will pay property taxes

Presentation by Building Commissioner

- Up to 4 non-related people may reside at an address without restriction
 - Multi-families are not allowed in the zoning district
 - Educational facilities are allowed with requirements
 - Must be sprinkled
 - The town can regulate open space, parking, health and safety
 - Decision of zoning officer is appealable

Questions from audience and answers.

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| • Will facility pass ADA Title 3 | Yes |
| • Does State law supersede Town bylaws | Yes |
| • What is the educational Curriculum | Not determined yet |
| • Is the an extended care facility | No |
| • Are you accepting applications | No |
| • Are guests residents | Yes |
| • How long will they be residents | 6 to 9 months |
| • All from Massachusetts | Possibly not |
| • How many staff members are there | 3 to start |
| • Are all guests young | There is no age discrimination |
| • What credentials do the staff have | Teaching the process |
| • Will the facility have any affiliations | No |
| • Will there be onsite medical staff | No, detox happens prior to residence |
| • Web site mentions wooded paths | Guests will not off the property |
| • Any guests there under court order | No Guests will respect private Property |

7:52 Recess for Comcast Public Hearing

Hearing opened by Mr. Russo. Hearing was advertised in the Plympton- Halifax Express on 8/22 and 8/29. This ascertainment is required by law.

Comments by Karen Foye:

Recommends origination points be created for live broadcasting. States that senior discounts exist under some cable contracts.

Comments by Town Coordinator Pleau: Suggests that origination points should be created in the town house and Dennett School. He feels that local programming is an important asset to the community.

Comments by Richard Goulart of Carver Community Access Television CCAT: Mr. Goulart feels that a joint studio for Halifax, Plympton and Carver will be an asset to all 3 communities. He feels that Plympton, being the smallest will benefit the most.

Comments by Richard Wright, Chair of the Halifax Cable Committee: Very Favorable of a 3 town solution to a cable studio.

There was a general discussion of origination points and studio possibilities. Mr Gerry Buckley commented on the ongoing process of contract negotiations with Plympton and the technical difficulties of establishing origination point in Plympton.

Reopen public comments/questions on Brook Street Group Home:

Questions:

- How many autos will be present on the site 7-8 or half the number of residents
- How many staff will be present 2 at all times
- Where does the income for the home come from Private Payments
- Who make the rule for the home All 3 of the principals
- Is there an exit plan for the business Yes
- Do you have a business plan Not at this time

Several speakers spoke in favor of the proposal, citing the great benefit this program will provide for residents. Several people expressed concern especially about safety and this type of facility in a residential area. Mr. Russo concluded the Q&A and thanked all present.

9:04 MOTION: CT to adjourn the meeting. Second JH, Unanimous MR

Respectively submitted,



Town Coordinator