



**BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

October 5, 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House  
New Meeting Room

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, Christine Joy & Town Coordinator Dale Pleau  
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Russo opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

**Open Meeting & Discussions:**

- Update Town Contacts on the website assigned to Brigette
- Update Task List assigned to Brigette

**BOH Consult Request:**

- Ken Thompson spoke regarding process & procedures for involuntary site access issues for site inspections. Mr. Thompson has requested time to meet with Town Counsel to discuss a process for uncooperative site access issues.

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to grant 1 hour for BOH to meet with Town Counsel, Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

**Taping of Board of Assessors Meetings:**

- A suggestion was received by a concerned citizen to have the Board of Assessors meetings taped & published to help the public better understand tax payors questions/concerns.
  - Tax increases
  - Applying for Abatements
  - Land values
  - Budget increases
- Ethan Stiles represented the BOA and was not in favor of having the meetings taped and did not think this would be a productive way for the public to understand the process & procedures. Many of the meetings are done as Executive Sessions due to the privacy for each individual. A suggestion from the BOS was made to construct a public educational video for the abatement process and answers to the top 10/20 most commonly asked questions generated from a public forum. The video could be added to the town website.

**Land Dedication:**

- Scott Baker, a resident of Plympton, has requested the corner of Main Street & Palmer Road be dedicated to the Benevide's brothers of Plympton. They were 4 brothers that were Veteran's and residents of Plympton close to 100 years and are now all deceased. Suggestion from BOS was to have a monument dedicated to "ALL" veterans of the town and to not limit the dedication.

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to the one family. Roxanne Whitbeck, the Veteran's Agent, suggested a memorial for past, present & future veterans. Ms. Whitbeck will check if possible funding of the project through government funding may be available. An exploratory committee will be formed and to contact the BOS Assistant if interested in joining the committee.

**Town Owned Property:**

- Mr. Russo recused himself as a board member is an abutter of town owned property and spoke as a private citizen.
- Mr. Russo has an outline for Management of Tax Possession Properties. This gives the definition and procedures that can be taken to sell or manage a tax possession parcel. Mr. Russo has requested Brigette forward the outline to Mrs. Joy & Ms. Thompson.

**Personnel Performance:**

- Mrs. Joy requested meeting with Town Counsel to discuss a policy.

**VOTE: Mr. Russo made a motion for permission for Mrs. Joy to meet with Town Counsel up to 1 hour, Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

**DOR Advisory Committee:**

- Appointments of for members until committee is dissolved will be written.
  - Deborah Anderson
  - Susan Ossoff
  - John Traynor
  - Christine Joy

**VOTE: Mr. Russo made a motion for appointments for DOR Advisory Committee until disolved, Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

**Solar Update:**

- The Blue Wave Mattapoisett project is open for negotiations. Mr. Pleau will forward the notification for Blue Wave to present a contract.

**VOTE: Mr. Russo made a motion for a vote to sign for Blue Wave to present a proposal, Second Mrs. Joy, 3/0.**

**Board Goals & Priorities:**

- Public Safety Building Committee is meeting 10/7/2015 at 6:00pm
- Fixed Cost Worksheet for Town Meeting planning
- DOR Financial Task
- DOR Community Compaq Program
  - Form a Community Compaq Committee
  - Add to the agenda 10/19/2015

- Town email access/website problems
  - Mr. Pleau will forward list of email contacts
- General Enterprise Fund
  - Mr. Pleau will make a note to include this on the 2016 Special Town meeting warrant
- 59 Parsonage Road project
  - Waiting for USDA Phase II Study
- Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - 10/19/2015 Agenda
- Update Boards & Committee contact spreadsheet
  - Brigette 11/5/2015

**Dates to Remember:**

- No BOS meeting 10/12/2015
- CPA funded application deadline 10/15/2015
- Churchill Park opening 10/18/2015

**Roger O'Neil land donation:**

- Mr. Russo reported that this was Completed 10/30/2015 a special thank you to all that helped and to Mr. O'Neil for the generous donation.

**Town Coordinator:**

- issues were discussed/addressed throughout the meeting when discussing the BOS Task List

**Correspondence:**

- State House Event
- Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee
- Invitation to the Plymouth County Development meeting
  - RSVP will not be attending
- John Norrie proposal for intention to convert land use from 61A. Propose to lease land to Brook Street Realty Trust. When land is removed out of 61A the town is given first right to lease the property. Town is not interested in leasing the property. Mr. Pleau will draft a letter of refusal to Mr. Norrie

**Vote: Mr. Russo made motion to vote "No" on leasing the property located on Brook Street, parcel 14-2-24A, Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

- Plympton/Halifax Express
- COA Appointment for Barbara Allsopp will be rescheduled to 10/19/2015

**Minutes:**

- Reviewed prior meetings 9/21/15, 9/28/15

**Vote to accept BOS Minutes: Mr. Russo, Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.**

**Meeting Adjourned 7:35pm**

Respectively Submitted,

Brigette D. Martins

Board of Selectmen Assistant