



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House  
Community Meeting Room

Approved.....1.26.15

Present: Chairman Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson and John Henry.

Chairman Russo called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Mr. Russo opened meeting with “ground rules” and a moment of silence.

### **Annual Town Report:**

- BOS assistant, Kristen sent out memo to all departments regarding the Annual Town Report. Town Coordinator, Dale will write a first draft for BOS report. Mr. Pleau asked BOS to email him any information they would like included in yearly report.

### **Traffic Issues (West & Cross Street):**

- Mr. Russo talked to Police Chief Dillon and Highway Surveyor, Jim Mulcahy. The report summarized that there is rarely any speeding at West and Cross Street; however they did suggest installing a stop sign at the end of Cross Street. There will also be a sign placed before the stop sign saying “stop sign ahead”. Two signs will additionally be placed on either side of West Street saying “curve ahead”, or similar warning sign to warn drivers.

**VOTED: Mr. Russo made motion for Highway Department to move forward with the suggested traffic signs. Second Ms. Thompson 3/0.**

### **Public Safety Buildings:**

- Mr. Henry has started to prepare and gather information for Town Meeting on a new Public Safety building. He has met with Town Coordinator, Dale and the Fire Chief to brainstorm all options. Mr. Henry says he owes it to the townspeople to bring good ideas and also cost effective options to Town Meeting for a new Public Safety building.
- Mr. Russo stepped down to sit in audience, since he is an abutter to one of the proposed sites.
- Mr. Henry suggested that the corner of Main St. and Winnetuxet as a proposed site. Some other suggestions are the option of selling town lots to buy other land, looking into finding a developer that would be willing to build safety building and lease to the Town.
- Ms. Thompson asked Mr. Pleau when the engineering study on Town House would be available. Mr. Pleau said that we should have it in 10 days. Ms. Thompson also suggested BOS have working meetings for the Public Safety Building discussions. Mr. Henry said they will be now posted and conducted as working meetings.
- One option for the Safety Building could be modular buildings. Audience members had concerns about overall look of building; Mr. Pleau assured them that brick facades, etc. can be

put on the exterior of metal buildings. Audience also expressed their concerns that we should not cut corners and building should be built to last. Audience members voiced their opinions on the issues of wetlands. BOS stated no matter where building is put it will most likely be elevated and basement engineered at ground level. Audience suggested the idea of loans or grants to fund project. Mr. Pleau stated the BOS are looking already looking into these options.

#### **Cable:**

- BOS addressed the importance of the draft for the Tri –town cable article for Town Meeting. Mr. Henry reminded everyone of new cable law that is put in place on Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. The article refers to a separate revenue account for funds received in connection with cable agreements. He presented documents that provide verbiage for the article. Mr. Russo proposes we go to Town Counsel to make sure we get the cable article correct before it is presented at Town Meeting.

**VOTED: Mr. Russo made motion to go to Town Counsel with the Tri-town Cable Article. Second Mr. Henry 3/0.**

- Mr. Henry is looking into cable alternatives. He is researching options now and will be presenting them at Town Meeting. Ms. Thompson asked Mr. Henry if this alternative is internet. Mr. Henry said yes. Ms. Thompson just wanted to state that there are a lot of older people in town who do not own computers. Mr. Henry responded that numerous households do not have cable. He will research options and bring proposal to Town Meeting.

#### **Electronic Communication Policy:**

- Town Coordinator, Mr. Pleau stated that the Assessor's Department had questions on privacy email disclosures. He will address their concerns.

#### **Solar-ongoing projects:**

- Mr. Henry talked with Blue Wave; they are tangled up in abutter legal issues at the moment. Their counsel is working with our Town Counsel. No further reports at this time.

#### **Future BOS Schedule:**

- The next scheduled meetings are 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/23 at 6:00 pm.

#### **Town Coordinator:**

- Mr. Pleau heard from Melinda at the D.O.R. Plympton's report is now in the final stages of review.

- Mr. Pleau has issued new email addresses for BOS (Board of Selectmen) and BOA (Board of Assessors).
- Financial Committee has issued budget reports. Dale informed BOS if they have any line items for FY16 to communicate those to him.

**Correspondence:**

- Plympton-Halifax Express
- Reminder of MMA Annual Meeting on 1/23/15
- Letter from Winnetuxet Children's Place Daycare regarding neighbor's dog
- Letter regarding MMA Annual Meeting & Trade show
- Resignation Letter from Douglas Hall for Silver Lake School Committee
- Water Sampling results from Resource Controls
- Use of Town property application from Strawberry Shortcake Race

**Minutes:**

**VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept 1/5/15 minutes. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0**

Mr. Russo reminded everyone that the ZBA hearing on Brook Street Retreat House will be taking place on 1/13/15 at 7:00 pm.

Rick Olivier addressed BOS about land in town. (Map 7, Lot 19). It is 48 acres, mostly wetlands. He is looking to build a single family home and barn on land. He met with abutters and they have no issues with a single family home. He questioned BOS if it is a buildable lot. There have been some issues on this land in past. He has met with the Zoning and Health Department already. Septic has been approved through 2017. Mr. Henry told Mr. Olivier that there has been some wetland issues in past. BOS advised Mr. Olivier to go to the Conservation Committee. They would have the most knowledge on this land.

**VOTED: Mr. Russo made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 pm. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0**

Respectively submitted,



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Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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