



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

January 26th, 2015

4:45 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Approved.....2.2.15

Present: Chairman Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson and John Henry. Town Coordinator, Dale-absent. BOS had a brief Executive Session at 4:30 pm.

Chairman Russo called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Mr. Russo informed everyone that a couple guests could not be here tonight because of the impending snow storm.

Snow Storm Preparations:

- Emergency management team (Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Highway Supervisor) met earlier in the day to discuss impending snow storm. Town House will be open Tuesday the 27th from 7 am- 11 pm as a warming center. Silver Lake High School will also be a shelter. Town House will be closed for employees Tuesday, the 27th, due to the Governor declaring a state of emergency. Police Department did a reverse 911 call to give citizens information regarding blizzard.

Policy on posting Agenda & Minutes:

- Town of Pembroke recently created policy on Mandatory Posting of Agenda and Minutes on Town Website. Plympton is looking into this policy as well. BOS want to have a proposed warrant article on this for Town Meeting. This policy will also help Town Clerk maintain minutes. There have been issues with Boards posting minutes. One Board has not filed minutes since July.

Winnetuxet Dog Issue:

- BOS inquired with Mr. Pleau, Town Coordinator and was told all the proper actions have been taken. Town Coordinator from Halifax, Charlie Seelig also talked to Mr. Pleau about dog issue and Halifax has taken proper steps as well.

Massachusetts Municipal Association Meeting:

- Mr. Russo attending the MMA Annual Meeting. He indicated that the meeting was very informative. One highlight was special guest, Governor Charlie Baker, who "wowed the crowd". What was very interesting to Mr. Russo is that Charlie Baker started out as a Selectmen, making him very aware of what happens on a local level.

Correspondence:

- Plympton/Halifax Express
- Notification to Abutters under MA Wetlands Protection Act
- K&P notice on Sakr case (two notices)
- Letter from SLRS District about revised budget
- Letter from State Rep, Thomas Calter on drug forum taking place 2.10.15 from 7-9pm at SLRHS
- Old Colony Agenda & Meeting Minutes
- Old Colony Planning Council minutes 12.3.14
- Old Colony Planning Council Agenda
- Career Track newsletter on Human Resources
- Plymouth County Mosquito Control Town Report
- K&P Hospitality Reception
- Best Buddies Challenge Fundraising event newsletter
- Letter from Old Colony Planning Council on Resort Casino in Taunton
- Letter from State Department of Agriculture/notice on herbicides on vegetation

Public Safety Building:

- The next meeting to discuss the Public Safety Building is Monday, February 2nd at 11:30 am. In attendance will be Fire Chief, Police Chief, BOS, Town Coordinator and Highway Supervisor. The goal is to prepare ideas/suggestions to take to Town Meeting. The option of having a builder lease to Town is not allowed. Modular Buildings are allowed. Town Coordinator, Dale will contact a couple companies to get more information on Modular Buildings. A lot of ideas were bounced around.

Silver Lake School Budget:

- BOS will attend Tri Town Finance Committee meeting on Monday 2/2 at 7 pm. They will discuss the proposed capital expenditures by SLRHS.

D.O.R Final Report:

- Last fall BOS requested a financial review by D.O.R. They spent time at Town House and spoke to various departments. They turned in an 18 page report with major and minor suggestions to help improve overall finances of the town.
- Mr. Russo said to professionalize town operations is going to be a big undertaking and huge challenge to get this done. This report is a road map to get us started. He recommends that we aim to work on bylaw changes for next year. Town Moderator, John Traynor contacted Mr. Russo and would like to be part of a committee that will help tackle all D.O.R suggestions.

- Mr. Henry stated that a lot of D.O.R requests were already recommended to us by our auditors. This will be a long process. Agrees that some quick things we can work on are bylaws. He will sit down and go through report and prioritize what needs to be done. Mr. Henry believes Town Coordinator position should be full time.
- Susan Ossoff, from Finance Committee suggested getting a group together to address the concerns and timeframe for issues. They need to be prioritized. One issue is the position of Town Accountant and how an assistant needs to be hired. She also believes a position of Town Administrator needs to be a priority. We are asking too much of our volunteer boards.

FY16 BOS Budget Requests:

- BOS will address at next meeting. FY16 Budget Requests are due 2/5. Susan Ossoff, from Finance Committee advised BOS that she gave a list of scheduled meeting appointments to all departments. Finance Committee is meeting with BOS on 2/23, 4/6 and 4/27.

Silver Lake School Committee Appointment:

- Maureen Springer from the SLRHS School Committee was in attendance. She was there to suggest Jason Fraser be appointed to the committee. Jason has lived in town for 11yrs, has two daughters, and currently serves on the School Committee. He is well versed in education and communication. Mr. Russo was thrilled and thanked Jason for volunteering for this board.

VOTED: Maureen made motion to request BOS to appoint Jason Fraser to the Silver Lake Regional High School Committee. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0

Minutes:

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept 1/12/15 Executive Session meeting minutes. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve 1/12/15 BOS meeting minutes as amended. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve 1/21/15 working minutes as amended. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Mr. Russo thanked everyone for coming out and wished all a peaceful and beautiful weathering of the storm.

Meeting Adjourned 6:01 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie

Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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