



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

May 18th, 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Approved. ... 6.1.15

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, Christine Joy & Town Coordinator Dale Pleau
Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Mr. Russo opened the meeting with ground rules and a moment of silence.

BOS reorganization:

- Mr. Russo welcomed BOS newest member Christine Joy. Mrs. Joy previously served as Selectmen for 6 years and was also a member of the School Committee for 2 years.

**VOTE: Ms. Thompson made motion for Mr. Russo to continue as BOS chairperson.
Second Mrs. Joy. 3/0**

**VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to appoint Mrs. Joy as BOS clerk. Second Ms.
Thompson. 3/0**

Town Meeting follow-up:

- Mr. Russo thanked all those who helped and were involved with Town Meeting. Town Meeting was very efficient and ran very smoothly.
- Mr. Russo thanked BOS assistant Kristen LeVangie for her hard work on Town Report.

Memorial Day Parade:

- Mr. Russo ran through the events for the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Russo will be master of ceremonies of parade. Both Mrs. Joy and Ms. Thompson want to be involved with Memorial Day ceremonies as well. Mr. Russo will be choosing the Memorial Day essay winners this week. BOS assistant Kristen LeVangie will contact BOS later this week with agenda for parade.

Comcast:

- BOS are now in the planning stages of the tri-town studio since the enterprise fund passed at Town Election last week. Mr. Russo will attend the Comcast tri-studio meeting this Wednesday, May 20th. Next steps will be the drafting and signing of the tri-town studio municipal agreement. Once final drafts of contract are drawn up BOS will vote on them.

Solar- ongoing projects:

- Plympton has two on- going solar projects in the works. Still waiting on legal documents from Town Counsel. Mr. Henry will continue to update BOS on solar projects until drafts are complete.

Town Government vacancies:

- BOS urge and encourage residents to join a board/committee. A list will be compiled soon of all board and committee openings. Town Clerk Tara Morrison and BOS assistant Kristen LeVangie are working on list and it will be on the town website soon.

BOS goals and priorities:

- Mr. Russo made a rough draft of goals and priorities for the new Selectmen board. BOS will use month of June to prioritize these goals.
 - D.O.R review of operations
 - Create Committee for Public Safety Building
 - Tri Town Studio
 - Committee & Board vacancies
 - Making Town House a more encouraging place
- Mrs. Joy stated that she would like to get up to speed with all financial documents. (Lease agreements, contracts, and capital purpose funds). Mrs. Joy will work with Town Coordinator and Town Accountant to review items. Mrs. Joy also encourages all board/committee members to attend a BOS meeting and get everyone up to speed on their board progress and upcoming projects.
- Ms. Thompson stated that town by laws should reviewed and updated.

Future BOS Meeting schedule:

- Monday June 1st at 6 pm. BOS Open Meeting (*Executive Session w/ Fire Chief at 5:30 pm*)
- Monday June 15th at 6 pm. BOS Open Meeting
- Monday June 29th at 6pm. BOS Open Meeting

BOS briefly discussed summer schedule for BOS and Town House. BOS will discuss again at next meeting.

Town Coordinator:

- RebuildEX has started renovations in the Treasurer's office. The work should be done within a week. Mr. Pleau is looking into an accordion divider for the new meeting room. He will also be getting estimates for electrical work in new Treasurer's office. Mr. Pleau is currently working on possible solar grants.
- BOS had questions for Mr. Pleau on Town House vendor Chambers Advisory. Chambers Advisory monitors the monthly phone service for Town House. Mr. Pleau will generate a spreadsheet for BOS to show how much we are actually saving monthly.

Correspondence:

- Plympton–Halifax Express
- Letter of Commendation for Police Officer Brent Peterson
- Re-Organization of Kingston BOS board
- Retirement party for Superintendent John Tuffy
- Event notification form for Harbor to the Bay Charity Bike Ride
- Sakr litigation documents
- Xfinity newsletter
- Letter from MA Coalition for Responsible Retailers
- Old Colony Planning Council 48th Annual Meeting
- Eversource herbicide application
- Columbia Gas letter-increase distribution rates
- Commonwealth of MA- Hazard Mitigation Grant Applications
- Department of AG- Animal Control Officer Handbook

*Art Morin from Board of Health was present at meeting. Mr. Morin wanted to let everyone know BOH is having an informational presentation by The Southeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership regarding new tobacco regulations and e-cigarettes. The public is invited to attend this presentation to be held in the Community Meeting Room at the town hall on **Wednesday, May 27th at 6 pm.***

Minutes:

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 5/11 BOS meeting minutes as amended. Second Ms. Thompson. 2/0/1

Meeting Adjourned 7:15 pm.

Mr. Russo made motion for BOS to go back into Executive Session at 7:15. Second Ms. Thompson 3/0.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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