



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

June 1st, 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Approved.....6.15.15

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, Christine Joy & Town Coordinator Dale Pleau
Meeting called to order at 6:25 pm.

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

Memorial Day Parade:

- Mr. Russo stated that the Memorial Day Parade was a success had received rave reviews. The day was filled with great fun and he thanked the Memorial Day Committee and volunteers for all their hard work. Mr. Russo paused to especially let the TV audience know of the gazebo disintegration and how it is currently in need of repairs. This would be a great project for someone to take on.

Town House Summer Evening Hours:

- Two weeks ago BOS voted to have Town House open every Monday night in the summer. After some thoughtful discussion the BOS decided to keep the Town House on a summer schedule. When the BOS are not meeting on a Monday night the Town House departments will not be required to be open as well.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion that when the BOS do not have a Monday Night meeting the other Town House departments also will be closed. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Open Space Committee Projects:

- Linda Leddy and Rick Burnet were present from the Open Space Committee. They passed out a spreadsheet that gave an overview of the OSC budget spending for current and upcoming projects. Going forward BOS will have to sign off on any OSC contracts. Mr. Russo expressed that in future BOS will have to work on setting procurement and procedures for these upcoming projects.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to ratify and approve already completed and list of upcoming Open Space Committee contracts related to 2014 Town Meeting article 18 (Parsonage and Ring Road) and Parks projects. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

- Former Selectmen John Henry was in audience and questioned the OSC on their budget and if they are using Town funds for their projects. Both Ms. Leddy and Mr. Burnet stated they

are not. Mr. Burnet went line by line and gave overview of OSC budget and where it is being spent. He also filled in BOS of upcoming OSC projects.

- There was a lot of discussion on 59 Parsonage Road. Ms. Leddy gave an overview to get Selectmen Joy up to speed. Land was under USDA ownership, it was put up for bid on 2/1/15. Bid was open for 60 days and there was not one bid on land. Ms. Leddy stated since Town can't bid, OSC sent letter of interest and stated they had many conditions if accepted. Owners wrote back saying they were willing to talk. OSC believes this land serves the needs of Plympton and would be extremely beneficial, especially for farmers and senior housing. OSC will get all facts on land before committee will make any decisions. Mrs. Joy asked if land could be donated. Ms. Leddy stated no. Mrs. Joy also asked if trailers on land can be removed. Ms. Leddy stated USDA would not remove them and are not interested in taking on that task. Mr. Burnet stated trailer removal would be under phase 2 of project and they got an estimate for \$50-80k.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to authorize Town Coordinator Dale Pleau to sign any contracts or warrants on OSC projects that were already approved. In his absence Mr. Russo will sign these warrants. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to authorize Open Space Committee up to 5 hours with Kopelman & Paige to help them with their questionnaire. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

- Mr. Russo also made it clear that the CPC is always looking and works hard to choose cost effective projects. Mrs. Joy asked OSC if BOS can meet with them every month or so for updates. Ms. Leddy stated that OSC is very present at BOS meetings. Resident Jon Wilhelmsen suggested that BOS and OSC meet every 6 weeks. Everyone was in favor of his recommendation.

School Committee member- Jason Fraser:

- Silver Lake School Committee member Jason Fraser was present at meeting tonight. Mr. Fraser has reached out to Senator Kennedy and Rep. Calter hoping to have a meeting to discuss the two state mandates that are financially hurting Plympton. Both parties responded right away and have agreed to meet with Plympton. Mr. Fraser was present at meeting tonight to make sure there is a united front between the BOS and Silver Lake School Committee when upcoming meeting takes place. Mr. Russo thanked Mr. Fraser for taking the initiative on this issue and agrees that the School Committee and BOS should be on the same page. Mr. Fraser will contact Senator Kennedy and Rep. Calter and set up a meeting date and time. Mrs. Joy suggested that the Town Accountant, Finance Committee and Dennett School Committee be present at this meeting as well.

Procurement permission and policies:

- BOS stated that Town Coordinator Dale Pleau is looking into this. We need a more unified policy for boards and committees.

Solar-ongoing projects:

- Mr. Russo stated that we are getting closer to a pilot. Mr. Henry is continuing to work on it.

Comcast & Tri-town studio:

- Mr. Russo stated he is waiting for Plympton's license draft and also the Tri-town draft agreement. Once contract drafts are done the BOS will review and vote on them.

BOS goals and priorities:

- When workload lightens up, BOS will address which areas they want to pursue. Some areas for improvement are with the D.O.R report, Public Safety Building and review of town by-laws.

Town Government Vacancies:

- There are many vacancies for Plympton's committees and boards. Town Clerk Tara Morrison and BOS assistant Kristen LeVangie are working together to get the list for the next BOS meeting on 6/15/15. Kristen will also start preparing paperwork and contact individuals that need to renew their board/committee appointments.

Future BOS Meeting schedule:

- Monday June 15th at 6 pm. BOS Open Meeting
- Monday June 29th at 6pm. BOS Open Meeting
- Monday July 13th at 6pm. BOS Open Meeting
- Monday July 27th at 6pm. BOS Open Meeting

Town Coordinator:

- Mr. Pleau addressed BOS salary in budget line and how they want to proceed. The amount of \$600 is appropriated for their salary. Mr. Russo and Ms. Thompson both agreed that they did not want to take a BOS salary.
- New meeting room is almost done. Electrical work and painting will be complete in next two weeks. Mr. Pleau has not gotten good feedback about a room divider. The divider can be done at any time if we decide we need one in future. Another option is to divide the room permanently.
- Mr. Pleau said it was brought to his attention that BOS need to appoint Mark Gabriel as Special Police Officer through 6.30.15.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to appoint Mark Gabriel as Special Police Officer through 6.30.15. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Correspondence:

- Plympton–Halifax Express
- Save the Date for MBTA Advisory Board 6/1/15 at 9:30 am
- Old Colony Notice of Meeting & Agenda 5.26.15
- Letter from Plymouth County Development Council
- Destination Plymouth County magazine
- K&P Appraisal of Harvest Springs Water Site
- MassFiscal.org Letter to Selectmen
- Town of Halifax BOS re-organization letter
- Plymouth County Advisory Board Annual meeting 6.11.15 at 6:30 pm
- Letter from K&P asking what option BOS would like to pay for fiscal year ending bills.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion for BOS to choose option #2 for payment of K&P fiscal year ending legal bills. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Minutes:

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 5/18/15 BOS meeting minutes as amended. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm.

Mr. Russo made motion for BOS to take a brief 5 minute recess and then go back into Executive Session. Second Mrs. Joy 3/0.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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