



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

June 15th , 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Approved.....6.29.15

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, Christine Joy & Town Coordinator Dale Pleau
Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

Mr. Russo opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a review of some Open Meeting laws.

Open Space Committee/Legal Consultation:

- Linda Leddy from the Open Space Committee was present. She wanted to discuss the title search at 59 Parsonage Road. The Open Space Committee is requesting approval of more money for potential legal fees connected to property. They are still within budget but would feel more comfortable having extra money in case anything should come up.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve an additional \$800.00 in potential legal fees to be included in expenses related to the Town Article 18 from last year. Second Mrs. Joy. 3/0

- Mrs. Joy also addressed Linda Leddy and questioned her about the taxes on 59 Parsonage Road. Mrs. Joy wanted to alert the Open Space Committee to the fact that taxes are not paid up to date on Parsonage Road. Ms. Leddy communicated that when she checked with Treasurer's Office in May she was told taxes were paid on property.

Town House Summer schedule:

- Mrs. Joy started off by saying she would like to rescind the vote that was made last week on closing the Town House for summer hours. BOS can only vote to alter their hours for the summer schedule only and not the Town House. Mrs. Joy stated each department can set their own schedule or adapt to the schedule of BOS. Elected officials can set their own schedule as well. Mr. Russo stated Boards/Committees should decide their own summer schedule. Mrs. Joy stated she would like Building Department open every Monday in the summer.

BOS took a brief recess at 6:30 pm. Meeting resumed at 6:35 pm.

Mrs. Joy quickly went down to Building Department and they confirmed they are open every Monday in the summer. Selectmen Assistant Kristen will get schedules of all Departments and memo will be posted this week.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to rescind the vote from last meeting that addressed closing of Town House for a summer schedule. Second Mrs. Joy. 3/0

Silver Lake Integrated Preschool (SLIP) Playground Project:

- Debbie Grace was present at meeting tonight. She was in attendance to discuss the Silver Lake Integrated Preschool Project. This is a privately funded project to create a preschool sized playground appropriate for children ages 3-5 who live in the Silver Lake District. The Integrated Preschool services over 100 students of which 75% receive some form of special education including speech therapy, physical therapy or occupational therapy. At this time the program does not have a safe and appropriate play area for students. In just six weeks the project has raised over 40k. They are looking to raise over 150k. They have started a “go fund me” page that can be found by going to their Facebook page and typing in “Do you want to build a playground”. They thanked BOS for the opportunity to come in and speak about project; they wanted to raise awareness about project and fund raising. Mr. Russo thanked group for coming in and will continue to mention them on camera in future.

Animal Control Officer:

- Animal Control Officer is requesting to purchase a microchip reader. Microchip readers are a state requirement. He would be staying within budget Animal Control Department budget.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion that BOS approve Animal Control Officer’s request for a microchip reader given he stays within budget for 2015. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

OPEB Trust:

- The BOS received an information booklet from Town Treasurer, Colleen Morin on the OPEB Trust. Mrs. Joy had some questions for Mrs. Morin, who was not present tonight. Mrs. Joy would like to know if she checked out other options. Mrs. Joy has some concerns that suggested company is based in California. Mrs. Joy would like Mrs. Morin to seek other options and attend a BOS meeting and present her findings. Mr. Russo suggested Mrs. Joy speak to Mrs. Morin and get some more information on the OPEB Trust.

BOS Meeting Operating Procedures:

- Mrs. Joy briefly went over some Open meeting law ground rules. She then addressed the format of current BOS agenda and suggested breaking it up into New and Old Business. Mr. Russo stated he was comfortable with current format. Mrs. Joy will adapt to Mr. Russo’s format. Mrs. Joy also would like to incorporate an “open forum” at the end of meeting. Mr. Russo was not in favor given that he asks at the start of a meeting if anyone in the audience would like to address a topic that is not listed on agenda. The last item Mrs. Joy would like to address is the configuration of the Selectmen meeting room. She would prefer not to be on an elevated platform during meetings. Mrs. Thompson agreed that in the beginning she

wasn't keen on the idea but has warmed up to it. Platform gives BOS a great view to see everyone in audience. It is also beneficial to the camera crew recording meetings. Mr. Pleau suggested BOS meet in new meeting room for the summer. There will be air conditioning and selectmen table is level to audience. BOS were all in favor of summer meetings held in new meeting room.

Town Government appointments:

- Town Clerk Tara Morrison and Selectmen assistant Kristen LeVangie are working on this project. All appointments will be ready for BOS to sign at next meeting, June 29th 2015.

BOS goals and properties:

- BOS have agreed to focus on certain goals to help Town House run more smoothly. Mrs. Joy will focus on D.O.R review, updates on by-laws and committee policies and procedures. Ms. Thompson will give attention to the Public Safety Building, internal /external communication and solar projects. Mr. Russo will address chair duties, Cable Tri-town studio, encourage volunteerism and explore regionalization.

Comcast and Tri-Town Studio:

- Mr. Russo is waiting to hear from Comcast. Plympton's contract is currently being reviewed by legal. Mr. Russo hopes to have the Plympton agreement and contract reviewed by next BOS meeting, June 29th. The Tri-town agreement will take a little longer.
- Mrs. Joy asked Mr. Russo for the cable contracts from Halifax and Carver. Mr. Russo will get them to her. They are also available to read on State website under energy.

Mrs. Joy suggested that Town website be updated and more user friendly. Mr. Russo stated that Dale could help with this project. Ms. Thompson also volunteered to take on website project. BOS will continue to follow up and work on website issues.

Solar- ongoing projects:

- Nothing new to report, getting closer on pilot agreement.

Future BOS Meeting schedule:

- Monday June 29th at 6pm. BOS Open Meeting
- Monday July 13th and July 27th at 6pm. BOS Open Meeting
- Monday August 10th & August 24th at 6pm. BOS Open Meeting

Town Coordinator:

- Town Coordinator Dale Pleau stated that new meeting room is complete. Highway Department will come to Town House this week and help move furniture back into room. He will also find window air conditioners for the room.
- Mr. Pleau let BOS know that there are 7 working days left in fiscal year. Out of those 7 he has 5 more vacation days to use. Mr. Pleau asked BOS if they will vote allowing him to carry some vacation days into next fiscal year. After some discussion BOS agreed that Mr. Pleau can carry over 3 vacation days to next year fiscal year. The BOS agreed they will not carry over any more vacation days in future.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to allow Town Coordinator Mr. Pleau to carry over 3 vacation days into Fiscal year 2016. Second Ms. Thompson. 2/1/0.

Correspondence:

- Plympton–Halifax Express
- The Beacon
- BOH reorganization letter
- Plymouth County Registry of Deeds FY15 Accomplishments
- Letter from Massfiscal.org

Mrs. Joy would like Selectmen Assistant Kristen LeVangie to start attending BOS Executive Sessions and be responsible for taking meeting minutes. Kristen and other Selectmen agreed with the suggestion.

Ms. Thompson inquired if BOS reached out to Town Counsel to ask them to come in to update BOS on current legal cases. BOS agreed that it would be nice for them to come in and go over Open Meeting Law, Conflict of Interest Laws and Sexual Harassment Laws with all Boards/Committees.

New Business:

- Art Morin from the Board of Health wanted to express his concern that Town Counsel was not replying to his request he made over a month ago. He will follow up with Town Counsel again. Mr. Russo has not heard of any reason why Town Counsel wouldn't be returning his emails or calls.
- Zoning Board of Appeals was present tonight and need assistance from BOS regarding an issue of a trailer located at Sauchuk property. ZBA issued trailer permit years ago for "seasonal workers". Permit requirements stated trailer would have to be removed if farm labor camp falls out of 40A sec 3. Currently the trailer does not meet given requirements. A letter was sent from ZBA stating trailer needs to be removed within 30 days. Mr. Sauchuk

wrote a rebuttal letter and states they are in correct compliance. ZBA is asking BOS for time with Town Counsel so they can assist ZBA in constructing a counter letter with proper legal language.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve Zoning Board of Appeals request for up to 3 hours consultation with Town Counsel on trailer removal issue. Second Mrs. Joy. 3/0

Mr. Russo wanted to remind everyone that there is a form that needs to be submitted and approved for requested time with Town Counsel. Selectmen assistant Kristen will send out reminder and attach form to all boards/committees.

Minutes:

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 6/1/15 BOS meeting minutes as amended. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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