



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

June 29th, 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
New Meeting Room

Approved.....7.13.15

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, Christine Joy & Town Coordinator Dale Pleau
Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.

Mr. Russo opened the meeting with a moment of silence. Mr. Russo mentioned that the new Comcast tri-town studio is now called "Area 58 Community Access Media".

Town Government Appointments:

Appointments for Boards/Committees/Commissions were reviewed, voted and signed. Appointees can now be sworn in at the Clerk's office during office hours.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to affirm and approve all appointments as written. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Comcast License Renewal Contract:

- Mr. Russo stated this has been a 2 ½ year project and contract is finally approved and ready to be signed. Mrs. Joy read a portion of cable agreement that outlined terms and definitions. (Copy is available upon request).

VOTE: Mrs. Joy made motion to approve the Cable Television Renewal License. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

- BOS assistant Kristen will send out all three signed copies to Comcast.
- Mr. Russo stated in the future the meeting room will be wired for sound and video. The new studio website will be up shortly. Currently the quickest way to view meetings is by going on youtube.com and searching for chat.cam_Plympton.

Plymouth County OPEB Trust:

- After discussing the OPEB/PCOT Trust with Town Treasurer Mrs. Morin and Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien, Mrs. Joy feels that it's in Plympton's best interest to proceed and enter agreement with OPEB/PCOT Trust.

VOTE: Mrs. Joy made motion that BOS sign the agreement to enter the PCOT County OBEB Trust effective June 29th, 2015. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0

Open Space Committee:

- Linda Leddy and Rick Burnet from the Open Space Committee were present at meeting tonight. A few weeks back Open Space Committee came to BOS requesting to go to Town Counsel regarding a questionnaire for Parsonage Road. Linda spoke to Town Counsel and they are recommending Open Space Committee to go out and gather more information about property. Open Space needs direction from BOS regarding the questionnaire. They have hired a consultant to do formal inquiries. Consultant has already talked to Fire, Police and Board of Health Departments. Mrs. Joy suggested that if Open Space is willing they should definitely try to get more information about property. Ms. Thompson asked if there was a time deadline on questionnaire. Linda told her that would like to submit questionnaire within the next two weeks. With BOS direction, Open Space Committee agreed to go out and talk to more residents that might have general knowledge and information on property.

VOTE: Mrs. Joy made motion for the Open Space Committee to continue their research and gather more information for Phase 1 and the completion of the questionnaire. Second Ms. Thompson. 2/0/1 Mr. Russo recused.

VOTE: Mrs. Joy made motion to approve Open Space Committee request for \$2209.00 to pay Kopelman & Paige for title search fee. These expenses are related to the Town Article 18 from last year. Second Ms. Thompson. 2/0/1 Mr. Russo recused.

Art Morin from Board of Health was present and clarified with Open Space Committee that they cannot gain access to the property at Parsonage Road unless they have permission from the Board of Health. Currently there are notices posted that no one is allowed access without their permission.

Mr. Russo stated that BOS needed to revote on Open Space Committee motions that were made on June 1st and June 15th. He is an abutter to a property that is being considered as a possible Public Safety Building site. He reviewed situation with MA Ethics Commission which suggested that even if there were a remote change that Maple Street could be used for Public Safety Building he should recuse himself from any vote that could pertain to possible Public Safety Building sites. He will remain interested in the conversation as a private citizen and will recuse himself from any further votes. The BOS rescinded and re-voted these motions.

Ms. Thompson made motion to rescind the below vote from June 1st, 2015

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

New vote-

VOTE: Ms. Thompson 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 Mrs. Joy. 2/0/1 Mr. Russo recused.

Ms. Thompson made motion to rescind the below vote from June 1st, 2015

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

New vote-

VOTE: Ms. Thompson made motion to authorize Town Coordinator Dale Pleau to sign any contracts or warrants on OSC projects that were already approved. In his absence Ms. Thompson or Mrs. Joy will sign these warrants. Second Mrs. Joy. 2/0/1 Mr. Russo recused.

Ms. Thompson made motion to rescind the below vote from June 1st, 2015

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

New vote-

VOTE: Ms. Thompson made motion to authorize Open Space Committee up to 5 hours with Kopelman & Paige to help them with their questionnaire. Second Mrs. Joy. 2/0/1 Mr. Russo recused.

Ms. Thompson made motion to rescind the below vote from June 15th, 2015

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

New vote-

VOTE: Ms. Thompson 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. 2/0/1. Mr. Russo recused.

Ms. Thompson brought up suggestion to BOS that maybe now Maple Street can be taken off the list of proposed Public Safety Building sites. Mrs. Joy said she needed more time to review and might be ready to vote on it at next BOS meeting.

Submission of minutes by Boards/Committees:

- Ms. Thompson spoke to Town Clerk Tara Morrison and she confirmed that she is still not getting meeting minutes from Boards/Committees in a timely matter. Discussion continued about what a timely manner is and if draft meeting minutes would suffice until approved minutes were posted. Mrs. Joy will draft a letter regarding policy for all minutes of boards/committees. Once draft is reviewed and approved it will be sent to all Departments/committees/boards.

Improving Communication between Town Website and Town House Computers:

- There has been some difficulty in sharing documents between the Clerk and Selectmen offices. Mike from Local Computer Store needs to put issue on top of his priority list. Both offices need to be able to share server and documents. Mr. Pleau will look into this and make sure Mike looks into updating software.

Solar-ongoing projects:

- Ms. Thompson has discussed current solar contracts with Mr. Henry. Plympton is still waiting on pilot documents to come back. There is a hold up on Borrego with paperwork that needs to be changed/updated. Blue Wave is still tied up with litigation.
- Ms. Thompson also stated it was a good time to dissolve the Solar By-law Committee. Mr. Russo thanked her for all her hard work on committee.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to dissolve the Solar By-law Committee. Second Mrs. Joy. 3/0

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.
- Mrs. Joy stated this will be a time consuming task and would love to get residents involved and form a committee to help tackle these goals.

Future BOS Meeting schedule:

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

Town Coordinator:

- Mr. Pleau informed BOS that Roberts Roofing had been back to Town House to do some remediation at no charge.
- Mr. Pleau has a meeting set up with a company that does permitting software. It would be extremely helpful to Plympton and make the town run more efficient. There will be some cost to this and he will come back to BOS with a report after meeting with company takes place.
- Mr. Pleau is still working on a procurement policy.

- Mr. Pleau has a meeting with DG Solar this week at the Dennett School. The objective is to take half of the school parking lot and put up a canopy with solar panels. The gym roof would also have solar panels placed as well. He will report back to BOS once he has report and proposal.

Correspondence:

- Plympton–Halifax Express
- Kopelman & Paige litigation document
- Carver BOS reorganization letter
- Silver Lake Regional School Committee invite to attend meeting August 13th at 7 pm. (Kristen will rsvp yes for Mr. Russo)
- Letter from Resource Controls – Revised Phase III Remedial Action Plan to DEP.
- Old Colony Planning Council Meeting & Agenda- June 24th, 2015. Mrs. Joy stated she would like to be a Plympton delegate for Old Colony Planning Council.
VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion for Mrs. Joy to represent Plympton at Old Colony Planning Council meetings. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0
- Request from Colombia Gas to excavate for gas maintenance at 3 Forest Street.
VOTE: Mrs. Joy made motion for BOS to approve gas maintenance repair at 3 Forest Street with approval from Highway Surveyor. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0

Minutes:

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 5/28/15 BOS Executive Session meeting minutes as amended. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

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

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

Open Space Committee recently contacted Mr. Russo and would like to clarify minutes of June 1st, 2015. BOS acknowledged the clarification of minutes. They should amend to state the following paragraph, "That they are using designated CPC funds for the Churchill Park and Parsonage projects".

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion that on minutes of June 1st, 2015 there might possibly be a misunderstanding to Open Space Committee's response to Mr. Henry's question. As stated above, Open Space is using designated CPC funds for the Churchill Park and Parsonage projects, not general Town funds. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

New Business:

- Ms. Thompson gave an overview of two meetings she recently attended. The Mayflower Municipal Health Group Meeting and the Plymouth County Advisory Board Meeting.
- Ms. Thompson recently became aware that Spring Street is being rezoned in Carver. She believes BOS should look into this matter.
- Ms. Thompson would like to sit down with Town Coordinator and review personnel and financial policies. Mr. Pleau said it would also be beneficial if there was a monthly meeting for all department heads and BOS.
- Mrs. Joy would like Mr. Pleau to put together a spreadsheet of all fixed costs in Plympton. Mr. Pleau will have spreadsheet together by September.

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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