

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2013

Attendees: John Henry, Joe Freitas and Barry DeCristofano

The Board met at 7:00 p.m. for its regular weekly meeting.

The first item on the agenda, meeting with representatives from the Girl Scouts regarding an application to use Town-owned land, was postponed because no one from the Scouts was present.

It was established that the tank/pump/foam skid installed on the brush breaker, was purchased using some of the Sysco gift money.

In order to ensure a quorum when the Planning Board holds hearings on bylaw changes (to be held on May 14th), Brian Wick was appointed to the Planning Board until May 18th, 2013 on a motion by Mr. DeCristofano, seconded by Mr. Freitas. Vote: 3-0 The Board thanked Mr. Wick for stepping-up to help out.

Asked to sign a contract with an attorney to handle negotiations with Comcast over the transfer of their local studio to Plympton and Halifax, the Board had some questions which the Town Coordinator will research in the coming week. The contract will be taken-up again then.

Mr. Freitas reported that the number of Transfer Station stickers sold this year was down by 70 compared with last year. He made it very clear to the public that bringing material to the Transfer Station for other residents (that haven't purchased their own stickers) will not be tolerated. On this topic, Mr. Doyle spoke from the audience to say that he thinks stickers should be eliminated and that taxes be increased as needed to cover the cost of the station.

Mr. Henry gave a brief report on plans (not as yet recorded with the Town) to create eight house lots on the Arrowsmith property on Ring Road.

On a recommendation from Police Chief Dillon, the Board appointed Brent Peterson to the rank of Full-time Policeman from September 13th, 2013 through June 30th, 2014.

Mr. Freitas reported that Richard Johnson (from Carver) does want to renew his gravel permit.

The Finance Committee and the Moderator were present as the Board continued their discussions on the warrant articles for this year's Town Meeting, taking-up the articles that they did not vote on the previous week.

The Board made the following decisions:

Article 32: the Board voted not to recommend. Motion, Mr. DeCristofano, seconded, Mr. Freitas. Vote: 3-0

Articles 37 and 42: the Board voted to recommend. Motion, Mr. Freitas, seconded, Mr. DeCristofano (for Article 37) and motion, Mr. DeCristofano, seconded, Mr. Freitas (for Article 42. Both votes were 3-0.

Article 43 will be passed-over at Town Meeting.

Votes on Articles 35 and 36 were postponed one more week until further information about the cost of the modular building could be better defined.

Susan Ossoff (FinCom) asked if the Board had final numbers for the cost of handling stray dogs. Mr. Freitas will have those figures on the 29th.

The Board voted to accept the minutes of their April 15th meeting as printed. motion – Mr. Freitas, second – Mr. DeCristofano, vote 3-0.

The next meeting of the Board was set for 6 p.m. on April 29th to allow time to meet with the Finance Committee prior to taking up the Board's usual weekly business.

At 8:52 p.m., the Board adjourned on a motion by Mr. Freitas, second – Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Barry DeCristofano, Clerk