

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 03, 2013

Attendees: John Henry, Joe Freitas and Mark Russo
The Board met at 7:00 PM for its regular weekly meeting.

Ms. Linda Leddy dropped into the meeting and asked the Board to sign the acceptance gift letter from the Cole family of Carver to the Plympton Conservation Commission. The small piece of property is land locked in the middle of Cato's Ridge. Town Clerk, Ms. Tara Wick was also present and notarized the letter.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the gift from the Cole Family. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

7:00 PM APPOINTMENT: Troop 53, Life Scout, Cullen Wnek presented to the Board his Eagle Scout project of the patio plans for the Plympton Library. Library Director, Debbie Batson was present and supported Cullen's project.

The Board advised Cullen to visit the Building Department.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to give approval to Scout Wnek to proceed with plans for the patio at the Plympton Library. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0/0

7:15 PM APPOINTMENT: Ms. Karen Foye of Plympton and recent appointee to the Cable Advisory Board for Town brought two members of the nine member Halifax Cable Advisory Board, Mr. Richard Wright and John Mattinson. They discussed the Adelphia/Comast contract which expires in December 2013 in conjunction with the Plympton contract. The discussion was the beginning of the first meeting with the Board. The Town Coordinator had attended several meetings prior in Halifax and met with Mr. Buckley.

- Ms. Foye is responsible for the Town of Middleborough's cable network. There is **no studio**. A room in the basement at the Middleborough Town Hall is used in conjunction with the office of the IT department.
- Ms. Foye reminded the Board and Town Coordinator, that a consultant had visited the Town House and made a recommendation that the room behind the Community Meeting Room could have a camera set up with equipment for recording Selectmen meetings. The tape would then be sent to a studio for viewing. The recording would be done by a volunteer or someone they could employ for such a task.
- Silver Lake School does not have a studio
- Middleborough has a School studio
- An origination point for a "live signal" to receive broadcast information will cost Plympton approximately \$68,000.00 of which Comcast will not pay for the Town House connection or the Dennett School connection.

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- “Head End” connection for Plympton is in Plymouth.
- There is an infrastructure for an origination point along Route 58. The Town House has a cable drop. A suggestion was made; can an origination point be located at the Police Station, Fire Station, Library, Highway Department, Town House.
- Mr. Epstein is the lawyer that has worked with the Town of Halifax for the past four years in negotiating their licensing cable access contract with Comcast.
- Do not sign the Comcast draft contract. It is a “boiler plate” document and there is room for negotiations.
- One possibility is to maintain the present studio in Halifax with an increase to subscriber’s at 3.5%
- Find out what the Plympton residents wants/needs are from the contract.
- Upgrade equipment to digital to replace antiquated recording machines at present Comcast studio in Halifax
- The Board asked Town Coordinator to explore two or three other options and present a written report to the Board.
- Have shorter contract terms, three to five years versus ten year contract.
- Mr. Pleau to schedule an appointment and invite Mr. Buckley to meet with Board and present members to discuss Comcast contract.
- Set up as a Non-Profit.
- Mr. Russo suggested other alternatives be explored by Mr. Pleau.

8:00 PM APPOINTMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burns of Lake Street presented the Board with a flyer for an August 24 to 25, 2013 fund raiser. Also present at the meeting was the Board of Health, Chairman Doyle and Fire Chief Borsari. Mrs. Burns stated that she spoke with Police Chief Dillon as well. The Board advised Mr. and Mrs. Burns to visit with the Board of Health and Zoning Board for their guidelines on the event.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to appoint Ms. Patricia Mustacaros to the Old Colony Elder Service Director until June 30, 2014 Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to have Chairman Henry sign the MLB CPA. LLP certified Public Accountants and Advisors for the Town contract for the years ending June 30, 2013, 2014, and 2015. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0/0

Mr. Freitas commented that he will contact the organizers of the Best Buddies Challenge bike ride that took place on Saturday, June 02, 2013. His concern being that four bicycle’s riding abreast Route 58 may cause an accident.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Edron Service Agreement for Selectmen’s Copier E233

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VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to have Chairman Henry sign the Service Agreement with Edron for Selectmen's Copier E233. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Mr. Brent Peterson to Full-Time Patrolman contingent upon successful completion of the Municipal Police Training Committee's Plymouth Academy. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

Mr. Russo reported that he will attend the Mass Municipal Association "New Selectmen Meeting," Saturday, June 8, 2013. An important note to mention is MMA is rewriting the "Selectmen's Manual." The last published manual was in 1967.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to increase Selectmen's Assistant salary by 3%. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

MEGA – Workers' Compensation Insurance Participation Agreement.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to have Chairman Henry sign the MEGA – Workers' Compensation Insurance Participation Agreement. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

Kopelman and Pagie, P.C. – End of Fiscal Year Invoices – three choice for payments.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to have Mr. Henry consult with Town Accountant, Ms. Gomez for payment recommendation for Kopelman and Paige. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

Town of Plympton Ambulance Study Committee – request to dissolve the Committee from: Mr. Max West, Chair, Chirsta Prescott, Secretary, Jim Mulcahy, Jeff Marani and Justin Silva.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to dissolve the Ambulance Study Committee as of June 03, 2013. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

Collins Civil Engineering – wetland charts for Maple Street and Palmer Road. Mr. Russo recused himself from the discussion as his property abuts the wetland charts and sat at the back of the room.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to pay Collins Civil Engineering invoice. Second Mr. Russo. 2/0/1

Once discussion was over, Mr. Russo returned to his Selectmen's chair.

MEGA – Online filing of First Report of Injury (Form 101) 5 claims per policy period
ICE Internet Claims Edge.

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Ms. Suzanne Sakr – Appealing Cranberry Knoll dated May 23, 2013.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to send document package to Mr. Barnett of Pierce and Davis (Law firm represented Town through Town Insurer, MIIA) . Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

Town of Halifax – Reorganization of Board of Selectmen.

Old Colony Planning Council – Draft FFY 2014-2017 TIP – Copy Highway Surveyor.

Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda, May 28, 2013.

Commonwealth of Mass Department of Telecommunications and Cable

Hearing, October 16, 2013. Copy Joe Freitas.

South Shore Women’s Resource Center of Plymouth – Thank you to employees for clothing donations.

Plymouth County Extension 4-H Club 2013 Expo June 29, 2013 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

266 High Street Hanson. Copy in Lobby.

Email from Scout Jacob Cook. Board stated proceeds as planned.

Public Safety EAP – “Is your Workplace a Neighborhood?”

Email from Mr. Russo requesting appointment for Deborah Anderson to the Community Preservation Committee.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to appointment Deborah Anderson to the Community Preservation Committee until June 30, 2016. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0/0

Mr. Pleau gave contract for the Unified Software IT program to be signed by Board.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to have Chairman Henry sign contract for the Unified Software IT program. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

The Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2013 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mr. Pleau reported that RFP’s for the Town House alarm system and bathrooms are ready for bidders.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to adjourn meeting at 9: 30 PM. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0/0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Krance, Selectmen’s Assistant