

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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February 01, 2010

Attendees: Joseph Freitas, Barry DeCristofano, and John Henry  
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Mr. DeCristofano opened the meeting and reported that the Board held an Executive Session meeting at 5:30 PM to discuss the Police Contract and met with Union Police Officers at 6:00 PM. A follow-up Executive Session meeting will be held February 08, and February 22, 2010 at 6:00 PM for #3 contract negotiations.

**7:00 PM APPOINTMENT:**

Ms. Ami Dion presented the Board with a copy of a letter that was submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Office on January 25, 2010 regarding 5 Prospect Road, Plympton, MA along with thirteen pictures of: trucks, cargo trailer, dumpster, flat-bed truck, front-end loader, and other pictures. The definition of a Contractor's yard is the main topic. The Board will watch for the Zoning Enforcement Officer's report. Ms. Dion stated that the Zoning Officer took pictures of the property on February 01, 2010.

**7:30 PM APPOINTMENT:**

At the request of Mr. Wilhelmsen the appointment was cancelled.

Mr. DeCristofano gave an update on the Selectmen's meeting last week regarding a new roof installation that did not have a building permit at the time. He stated for clarification on the Town's historic districts and commissions to view the Town website go to [town.plympton.ma.us](http://town.plympton.ma.us) click "Cultural Services" then click on Historical Commission or Historical Districts.

Mr. DeCristofano stated that there will be no further discussion on the subject.

Mr. Dempsey asked the Selectmen for an update on the Newcomb property. The Board reported that the Court filed Mr. Newcomb in contempt and scheduled a court date for February, 02, 2010. Mr. Newcomb postponed court date. New court date in Plymouth Superior Court February 23, 2010. Mr. Dempsey questioned the Newcomb sign and junk left on the property. The Board discussed the property being a contractor's yard or a junk yard. More information to follow.

Warrant closes March, 29, 2010 at 8:00 PM

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Malloy, Lynch, Bienvenue, LLP "Related Party/Fraud Questionnaire for each Selectman.

Resignation letter from Dorothy Means.

Comcast 801 subscribers. Form detailing complaints and two minute resolution time.

Town Clerk – request for vaults for storage of irreplaceable documents.

Town of Plympton Historic Districts and Commissions chart. See website for more information.

Kopelman and Paige – Newcomb case continuation.

Best Buddies Challenge – Saturday, June 05, 2010 – Annual fund raiser for people with Intellectual disabilities. 100 mile bicycle ride.

Letter of appreciation from Visting Nurse Association of Cape Cod for excellent service from Officer Patrick Dillon.

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**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to put the letter of appreciation from Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod for excellent service in Officer Patrick Dillon's file. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

Transportation Breakfast, February 26, 2010 at Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, MA Carry date. Ms. Powell – request an independent COST/BENEFIT analysis of casino gambling.

Selectmen Henry asked Town residents to contact State Representative, Thomas Calter at [Rep.ThomasCalter@hou.state.ma.us](mailto:Rep.ThomasCalter@hou.state.ma.us) and Senate President, Therese Murray at [Therese.murray@state.ma.us](mailto:Therese.murray@state.ma.us) and request an independent COST/BENEFIT analysis of casino gambling.

Ms. Pat Royal stated that the State of Massachusetts government is acting irresponsibly by entertaining the idea of locating a casino within ten miles of a state university.

Mr. Freitas stated that he will oppose a gambling in Middleborough but not in Massachusetts.

**REPORTS:**

Mr. DeCristofano reviewed the new Open Meeting law changes effective July 01, 2010. The Attorney General will now enforce the laws. No new interpretation likely. (Replaces District Attorney Interpretation)

Mr. Henry stated the Town Clerk attended a conference last week and reported that the Open Meeting Law will create abundance of additional copies of correspondence, maps, and files for archives.

Old Colony Planning Council members, Eric Arbeene and Jim Watson will organize a meeting at the Town House for interested Boards/Committees to develop a plan for Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Protection Areas (PPAs) in Plympton. Email was sent to: Conservation Commission, Planning Board, DPW/Highway Superintendent, Community Preservation Committee, Recreation Department and Planning Board.

Council on Aging Chair, Sandi Henry and Selectmen Henry will attend a meeting on February 23, 2010 in Brockton with Senator Thomas Kennedy.

Mr. Howard Randall asked for an update in the Town budget process and the recent meeting with the Finance Committee members.

Mr. DeCristofano reported that at last weeks meeting some of the Finance Committee members recently learned of the request for foundation budget for Police and Fire. Also, the Library will be considered as a foundation budget. More details to follow.

Mr. DeCristofano attended the recent MMA meeting. The Chair of the Ways and Means

Committee, Representative Charles Murphy stated that he will attempt to obtain Local Aide and

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Committee, Representative Charles Murphy stated that he will attempt to obtain Local Aide and Chapter 70 figures prior to other figures. Mr. Murphy did not have a date for the next House meeting, "some time in mid February."

Mr. DeCristofano stated that if the budget figures are unfavorable at the time of the Annual Town Meeting, there is the possibility to pass over the Financial Articles until early June 2010.

**8:00 PM APPOINTMENT: (7:45 PM)**

Trailer Hearing. Ms. Pina was present at the Hearing and stated that the property at 59 Parsonage Road has been in bankruptcy since 2000. Ms. Pina asked the Board if they had heard from the company that wanted to lease the property as a motorcycle track. The Board answered in unison that they have not heard from one interested party in the property.

Mr. Henry stated that there are many issues with the property and that the Bankruptcy Court abandoned the property. He also stated that the trailers pose a hazard and nuisance to the Town.

Mr. Freitas informed Ms. Pina of a company that he contacted awhile ago to remove the trailers for a fee of \$15,000 Ms. Pina stated that if the Town wants to pay for the removal of the trailers to go ahead and have the trailers removed. Ms. Pina said until the trailers are removed, she can not do anything with the property.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to consider the trailers located at 59 Parsonage Road, Plympton a nuisance and a hazard to the Town. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

There was also discussion of the USDA someday owning the property. Mr. Henry asked audience to think about contacting the National Audubon Society or other agencies to put the property at 59 Parsonage Road into a conservatory trust as preservation land. More information to follow.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

February 04, 2010 Kingston ETA meeting. Mr. Freitas and Mr. Henry will attend.

February 10, 2010 Tri Town Alliance Recyclables Regionalization Workshop.

Monday, February 15, 2010 Town House Closed. Presidents' Day.

March 10, 2010 MEGA Annual Meeting – details to follow.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept as typed the Executive Session Minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting.

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**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM to view regular Minutes of January 25, 2010. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas accept the regular Minutes of January 25, 2010. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance  
Board of Selectmen Secretary.