

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
June 28, 2010

Attendees: Joseph Freitas and John Henry

Absent: Barry DeCristofano.

Meeting called to order at 7:25 PM

Mr. Henry opened the meeting by reporting that he and Mr. Freitas met in executive session with the Police to discuss Union Contract negotiations.

Town Clerk, Nancy Butler visited with the Board to discuss the New Open Meeting Law rules effective July 01, 2010 and how to implement them. Ms. Butler asked for suggestions from the Board. Ms. Butler stated she had been in touch with several Town Clerks and read over the Open Meeting Law several times. Ms. Butler suggested that a weather proof box be constructed and located outside the Town House to hold a binder type book with all the Town agendas for department meetings. This book must be made available to the public twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. All agendas must be submitted to the Town Clerk forty eight hours prior their meeting. These hours can not include Saturday, Sunday, or Holidays. The Board agreed the weather proof box was a good idea and that Ms. Butler should go forward with the project.

7:30 PM Finance Committee Members: Max West, Lisa Hart, and David Pecinovsky were present. Topics discussed:

The Police Chief, Fire Chief, Accountant and Veteran's Agent salary lines should be removed from the Wage and Personnel By-Laws at next Town Meeting since the positions are contractual with Town.

Town Accountant Barbara Gomez submitted a list of transfer of monies for Fiscal 2010. (This will be attached to the Minutes for compliance with the Open Meeting Law.)

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to take \$3,540.00 from the County Retirement line and put into the Tax Collector Line. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to take \$5,000.00 from Fire Chief salary line and put into the Fire Services line. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to take from County Retirement and Group Insurance line and put into Medicare line \$3,035.00 Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to take \$2,000.00 from the computer line and put into the Selectmen's expenses line. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to take \$2,000.00 from the Communication Center line and put into the Police Service line. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

Any surplus monies at Fiscal closing will be put into the Free Cash line.

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VOTED: Motion made by Mr. West to approve the above voted transfers submitted by Town Accountant, Barbara Gomez. Second Ms. Hart. 3-0-0.

Mr. West asked that any surplus monies be put into the Reserve Fund versus line by line transfers. He stated that the Finance Committee does not want to appear that they are attempting to control money and urges all departments to submit an application for request for transfer of funds and back it up with documentation to avoid future financial pit falls.

Also discussed was educating departments of the importance of managing their budgets. One suggestion was that monthly budgets are prepared and monitored more closely by department heads.

The topic of the Emergency Management System income labor versus billing (income to Town) was discussed briefly.

Mr. West stated that the outstanding legal invoices of \$8,803.30 will be paid out of the Reserve Fund. He also stated that the Veteran's line is \$2,379.00 in hole.

Ms. Hart suggested avoiding Selectmen's expense overages for Fiscal 2011 that more time is taken off during the Christmas season. Mr. Henry explained that there is a lot of work that must be done in order to complete the Annual Town Report book in addition to other essential duties performed during the year.

Mr. Henry reported that the computer line is under budget and that the Veteran's request will be closer to \$8,000.00 instead of the requested \$10,000.00

Mr. Freitas reported that he has been in contact with the Sheriffs Department regarding the volunteer/in-mate program. The Town will not receive assistance for the maintenance and painting of the exterior trim at the Fire Station. The trim is now down to bare wood and exposed to the elements. The wood will start rotting creating a larger expense to the Town if it is not rectified soon.

The Selectmen will meet with the Finance Committee on Monday, July 12 or Wednesday, July 14, 2010 to complete the final close out for Fiscal 2010.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Susan Ossoff to the Finance Committee until Town Meeting, May 18, 2011. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Cathryn Vroom to the Finance Committee until Town Meeting May 18, 2011. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept and sign the Veteran Agent's contract with same duties and salary. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

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VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept and sign the Fire Chief's contract for one year with a salary of \$50,184.00 Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Barbara Gomez as Town Accountant until June 30, 2013 with same compensation. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.  
Contract will be signed soon.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Madeleine Isherwood to the Old Home Day Committee until June 30, 2012. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Robert Karling as Zoning Enforcement Officer until June 30, 2011 with stipulation that compensation be reviewed in near future.  
Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Robert Karling as Wiring Inspector until June 30, 2011. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint the following persons to the Search Committee for Police Chief until June 30, 2011: Barry DeCristofano, Mark Gabriel, Mike Miksch, John Walker, and Mike Ohrenberger. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

Mr. Henry read the claim against the Town from Suzzane Sakr of Lake Street.  
Mr. Freitas stated report to Town Counsel and Insurance Company.

Mr. Henry reported that he has obtained a contact person that may be able to assist with the energy grant reports for the State. Payments for this service will be provided from a University of Massachusetts grant saving the Town an administrative portion of grant monies for further clerical assistance.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint the following persons to the Building Committee until the project is completed: Jake Jacobson, Kim Russo, Nancy Butler, John Henry, and Bob Karling. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to appoint Jonathan Shaw to the Historic District Commission until June 30, 2013. Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

Mr. Frank Mand introduced himself to the Board as the new Town Reporter from the Plympton/Halifax Reporter.

Minutes of the June 21, 2010 regular and executive session, June 01, 2010, and May 20, 2010 executive session will be held for review until a later date when all Board members are present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Copy of Plympton Board of Health transfer from Reserve Funds \$620.93  
Complaint of unregistered motor vehicles from Chief Harrison.

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MIA Property and Casualty Insurance proposal for FY 2011.

MEMA hurricane preparedness tips.

Department of Environmental Protection regarding Middleboro Municipal  
Landfill.

Senator Kerry – affordable broadband access.

Old Colony Planning Council Agenda for June 30, 2010.

Old Colony Minutes of April 28, 2010

Superintendent of Silver Lake Schools, John Tuffy – approval of budget for  
Fiscal 2010 – 2011.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to adjourn meeting at 8:45 PM  
Second Mr. Henry. 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance

Board of Selectmen, Secretary