

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
December 12, 2011

Present: Joseph Freitas and Barry DeCristofano
Absent: John P. Henry
Meeting began 7:00 PM

APPOINTMENT: 7:00 Columbia Gas – Representatives: Ms. Joan Furtado, Mr. Brian Gillis and Mr. Scott McGinnis met at the request of the Board to discuss installation on Main Street. Also present were Highway Surveyor, James Mulcahy and Zoning Enforcement Officer, Bob Karling.

Ms. Furtado gave a brief history of installation. Request was made to town on May 30, 2011 and completed on May 23, 2011 without the presence of Highway Surveyor, Mr. Mulcahy.

The Selectmen stated their concerns:

- Visually – unappealing
- No protection if hit by motorist
- Too close to roadway

The Columbia Gas Representatives agreed to remediate concerns and consult Mr. Mulcahy in order to protect or cover with a shrub. NSTAR rules and regulations will have to be taken into consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE:

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to approve the amended Class II and III renewal for Mr. Henry Larsen dba Alby's Salvage Inc. Second Mr. Freitas. 2-0-0.

DATES:

Sunday, December 18, 2011 "Christmas Past" presented by the Plympton Historical Society.
Board's signature on letter to Landcraft Corporation – Proposed Solar Project.
Mr. Pleau will organize a Public Hearing event for the Solar Project in the Auditorium.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to sign the employee change form for Police Officer Alex. Second Mr. Freitas. 2-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to appoint Roxanne Whitbeck as Veterans' Burial Agent. Second Mr. Freitas. 2-0-0.

MEGA – Insurance for Workmen's Compensation Carrier project for Audit costs for next three years and Information Packet booklet.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to approve the Class II renewal application for Plympton Sand and Gravel, Corp. Second Mr. Freitas. 2-0-0.

Free Cash approval from DOR \$222,761.00

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CORRESPONDENCE: (continued)

Town of Erving Board of Selectmen – Requesting support of House Bill No. 00200 –
Presidential electors to provide a stronger voice for smaller towns.

Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting on December 08, 2011 – Budget FY 2011-12.

7:30 PM Recreation Commission Members: Andy Karparis, Susan Day, Ann Marie White, Justin Keene, and Steven Beckwith asked the Selectmen for an opinion on the Parsonage Road playground. The Recreation Commission has an interest in the park. They would like to install a new basketball hoop and possibly a tennis court. The Tree Warden is presently cutting trees along the street to enhance visibility from the street.

Mr. Freitas discussed the possibility of using Harry Jason Park instead of the Parsonage Road playground. Mr. DeCristofano informed the Recreation Commission that the town may have use for the land for the town dispatch operation. He also explained that a study of town owned land is underway at this time. He will notify the Recreation Commission of any developing sites that may be of use and cautioned the Commission to move slowly at this stage of their request. The Board and Commission will communicate and report back at a later date.

The Recreation Commission also asked about the defunct Winnetuxet “swimming hole.” The Board stated that lack of maintenance for the “swimming hole” and the Parsonage Road Playground would require that the Highway Department budget be increased if they are used by town residents at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE: (continued)

Training Wheels – request for a Class II license to purchase and sell second hand motorcycles. Mr. DeCristofano will construct a list of questions for Board to review.

Concerned resident regarding the brook on Colchester Road. Copied: Highway Surveyor,
Town Coordinator and Conservation Commission.

Finance Committee/Capital Improvement Planning Committee FY2013 Budget Cycle calendar.
PERAC – “Other Post Retirement Benefits.”

Email from Chris Lawrence, Chair, Open Space Committee – proposal to the Community Preservation Commission to acquire 10 acres on Main Street to create “Churchill Park.”
General Public Hearing on January 24, 2012.

Email from Old Colony Crossroads Collaborative – meeting December 13, 2011 at Bridgewater State University.

Comcast Connections flyer – Lobby.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to appoint James Mulcahy as “Keeper of the Dams.”
Second Mr. Freitas. 2-0-0.

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REPORTS:

Town Coordinator, Dale Pleau, reported that an engineer met with Highway Surveyor at the site of the Winnetuxet dam. Trees will need to be cut creating a very steep embankment. More to follow.

To host the town website and email on the town server, there could be a potential savings the town of \$1,000.00 a year. The first year savings could pay to fund the purchase of an adobe application with a PayPal on line account. This will be useful to residents seeking to purchase their dog permits online.

The Library received an anonymous gift of \$1,000.00. The Library Trustees and Town Coordinator will send thank you letters to the donor.

Hold Minutes of December 05, 2011.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM. Second Mr. Freitas.2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen, Assistant