

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
April 17, 2012

Present: John P. Henry, Joseph Freitas, and Barry DeCristofano
Regular meeting began at 7:00 PM

7:00 PM APPOINTMENT: Ms. Vicki Maloney of the Garden Club requested permission to erect four sandwich boards around Town to announce the Town wide clean-up on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to grant permission to erect four sandwich boards around Town to announce the Town wide clean-up on Saturday, April 21, 2012. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

7:00 PM APPOINTMENT: Interim Fire Chief Warren Borsari, Deputy Donald Vautrinot, and Lieutenant Steven Winslow were present to discuss three Warrant Articles for Town Meeting.

The Board and Fire Department Officers discussed: New tanker/pumper

- Replace and update a new tanker/pumper with a 3,000 gallon tank and pressure to pump water at 1,500 gallons per minute. Hose is 1,500 feet long. This tanker/pumper cab will be custom built with two seats. Spartan chassis – better made, with better design to carry water. Shorter wheel base, safer to drive and maneuver.
- Retreat lots are a concern presently.
- Retire the 1985 GMC 28 year old tanker 2,500 gallon tank with 1,250 gallons per minute.
- Financing options – Lease purchase estimate \$100,000 for five years (estimate).
- Bond for ten years. State House Notes for two years then bond for lease to purchase option.
- Time involved to build new tanker/pumper will take about ten months.
- New tanker/pumper price ranges from \$480,000 to \$550,000
- Sysco has two wells at their facility but one mile from fire main system.
- Communicate this request with the Finance Committee.

Next Article discussed: Ambulance ALS upgrade

- Inform and communicate to Town residents need for the upgrade of a new ambulance. Cost approximately \$200,000 including State required equipment.
- Cost for a basic ambulance is \$140,000 not including stretcher, \$13,500 stair chair \$2,900 and computer.
- The present ambulance is a 2005 Ford purchased in 2006.
- In event ambulance breaks down, there is no spare ambulance. Longevity of present ambulance two to three years. Cost to maintain – undetermined.
- Inform Finance Committee to fund maintenance of present ambulance.
- Lease/Purchase for up to five years.

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Next Article discussed: Repeaters – Communication System

- Cost approximately \$25,000
- Presently there are two towers; one at Joey Circle, the other at the Fire Station.
- Both are twelve years old.
- Serious communication problems with static and break in communications.
- State Police ID system does not support Town's system.
- Regional Dispatch is through State Police in Middleborough.
- Cost for a new repeater \$7,300 and Network through a satellite \$9,000
- Four portables for each department approximate cost #23,501.
- A new repeater and network is needed.
- Woodlands Senior Center requires an internal antenna.
- Once Sysco is complete – doors in and inventory on shelves; communication to repeater on Joey Circle will be tested again.

Discussion also took place regarding the need for "Stand-by Ambulance staff." Two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT'S) are required for each ambulance "run." Concern is there are 15 to 25 shifts a month that are not being filled/staffed due to low pay and lack of proper quarters. Many times, other Towns are dispatched to aid service for ambulance calls. The Board requested a Profit and Loss statement from Chief and Town Accountant.

Ms. Kim Russo visited the Board to request a Common Victualler's License for 140 Palmer Road, Plympton.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to issue Ms. Russo a Common Victualler's License for 140 Palmer Road, Plympton . Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

Mr. Henry asked that the newly formed Town Green Renovation Committee (TGRC) members: William N. Hayes Jr., Lorna Rankin, Holly M. Murphy, Steven T. Lyons, Douglas F. Reese, Jonathan S. Shaw and David F. Alberti attend the Selectmen meeting on April 30, 2012 for discussion and plans for the Town Green. One of the topics for discussion will be a large beer keg that is used as a mail box on Town property on the Green.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to recommend the twelve Warrant Articles in the Special Warrant for Town Meeting. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

Mr. Freitas suggested that at next year's Town Meeting that there be a lottery system for the selection of Articles by the Town Moderator.

Mr. Russo and Ms. Leddy were in the audience and discussion with the Board ensued regarding the Open Space and Conservation Committee project "Churchill Park." Mr. Russo reported that in a recent Boston Globe article, there were misprints and quotes taken out of context.

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Mr. Henry brought to the attention of all present, that a recent Conservation Commission meeting had not been posted. The discussion ended abruptly by the Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission – Notice of Hearing C A Kang, LLC dba Plympton Convenience and Liquor Store on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 1:00 PM in Boston.

Thank you letter from a Town resident for a quick response during a medical emergency.

Letter thanks, Fire Chief Borsari, Jonathan Hopfgarten and Brian Gray, EMT's.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to put letter of appreciation into the personnel file of Chief Borsari. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

Email from Richard Kilbourne regarding Solar Business Development Constellation Energy. For the follow-up PILOT agreement for review.

The Draft FY2013 budget for the Town was reviewed. Municipal Group Health Insurance increase; waiting to hear from Town Accountant.

FEMA – floodplain management – National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

TEC Associates – Mass Bay Commuter Railroad 2012 Vegetation Control Program packet:

Yearly Operational Plan and MDAR – Department of Agricultural Resources.

MMA workshops for the Spring schedule.

Columbia Gas of Mass – residential heating customer increase \$6.10 per month.

Xfinity – Form 500 – customer service related issues and Comcast responses.

REPORTS:

HVAC bid for Town House will close Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at noon per Mr. Pleau.

Mr. DeCristofano will recommend the purging of old Executive Session Minutes.

DATES: Saturday, April 21, 2012 Town wide clean-up.

Sunday, April 29, 2012 at noon – Opening season Plympton Athletic Youth Sports (PAYS)

Mr. Jack Andrews will throw out first pitch.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2012. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 09, 2012 meeting. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to file a Freedom of Information Act letter to Mr. Tuffy, Superintendent of Schools. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to adjourn at 9:20PM . Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Krance, Board of Selectmen, Assistant