

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
May 14, 2012

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

Mr. DeCristofano began the meeting by addressing the Board, Selectmen's Assistant, viewing audience and town residents in the room for his brief, harsh tone at last week's Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. DeCristofano expressed absolute frustration with the past few weeks leading up to this Town Meeting. Mr. DeCristofano expressed his concern with the sudden and awful acrimony displayed at the Selectmen meetings between Town residents and the Board. He stated that the Boards and Commissions have all worked very hard over the years to help the Town to flourish and in light of the recent frustrations felt, Mr. DeCristofano apologized to anyone he may have offended. Mr. Freitas said there was no apology necessary.

Ms. Susan O'Donnell of Main Street in Plympton visited the Board and asked for a moment to speak. Ms. O'Donnell gave a history of her experience of her life since residing in town since 1970's. Ms. O'Donnell spoke of the commitment and involvement of town pioneers, like Jim and Elisabeth Dennett, Mr. Frank Young and similar models of pillars in the community that worked hard to help the town over the years in a dignified and graceful manner; while never excluding anyone or demanding a one way point of view. In lieu of recent attacks on Selectman Henry and Selectman Freitas, Ms. O'Donnell shared her feelings of a pervasive mistrust, anger and inaccuracies of public media toward the Board. Ms. O'Donnell thanked the Board for their work and efforts in bringing Sysco into the Industrial Park.

The Board thanked Ms. O'Donnell for her support and candid approach to the topics she addressed.

Mr. Henry read a letter that was written by Mr. Peter Kupic to the editor of the Halifax/Plympton reporter. Mr. Henry stated that there are many inaccuracies in the article.

Mr. Henry stated that Article 5 on the Annual Town Warrant - An Act Relative to a Special Fund for tax revenue from the Industrial Park tax incomes, is most crucial to the benefit of the town and future planning of the tax revenues.

Mr. Freitas thanked Mr. Henry and Mr. DeCristofano for their dedication and many hours that they give to the town each year. Mr. Freitas said this is the best Board the town ever had in office.

Doctor Russo was present at the meeting and gave his full support of Article 5 and supports the Board and Finance Committee on passing Article 5 at Town Meeting. Mr. Russo briefly spoke on Article 19 and stated that any misleading information has been corrected and if there were any beliefs in mistruths presented by the Community Preservation Committee and Open Space, he would rather the Article not pass at town meeting.

Ms. Linda Leddy reported that any newspaper publications were added to the "Friends of the Plympton Parks" website.

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The Board reminded the Open Space and Community Preservation Committee members that were present that Mr. DeCristofano approached Doctor Russo, asking for a one year postponement in order to obtain more facts and request six acres of land from the 77 acres be spared for an abutter, Mr. Arrowsmith. The Board of Selectmen's request was rejected.

Mr. Arrowsmith had contacted the Board with a proposal of an elderly housing on his land. His land presently has nine residential house lots and two existing house lots. Mr. Henry reported that Mr. Arrowsmith contacted him and is no longer interested in pursuing the possibility of an elderly housing facility.

Mr. Freitas reported that he had contacted the State Conservation Commission to seek their recommendation on a town fishing hole on the 77 acres. Due to the present circumstances, the State declined involvement with the fishing hole project.

Town Coordinator, Mr. Pleau, gave the Board an update on the HVAC – gas boiler update. He was able to get an extension from June 30 to August 31, 2012 from the State. The contractors will need to be able to have access to the town house five days a week to coordinate and install the HVAC system.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Duxbury Town Manager, Mr. MacDonald regarding Regionalization of public safety Dispatch. Mr. Henry will draft a letter to Mr. MacDonald/Police Chief Clancy.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to declare Fire Chief Borsari on IOD as of April 26, 2012 until further notice. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to have Chairman Henry sign the Incident Report for Cook and Company Insurance related to Fire Chief. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to have Mr. DeCristofano select a winner from the five essays "What Memorial Day Means to Me"? Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

Cook and Company Insurance Agency, Inc. FY 2013 Police and Fire renewal.
Pierce, Davis, and Perritano, LLP. – S. T. Sakr V. Cranberry Knoll Corp.
Email – lost keys at baseball field.
Reorganization – Board of Selectmen for: Towns of Carver, and Kingston.
Xfinity channel updates.
Letter of resignation from Mr. Greg Fairbanks – Conservation Commission.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the resignation of Mr. Fairbanks from the Conservation Commission. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

Entergy relicensing was postponed. Senators Murray and Calter will and do support Plympton's inclusion into EPZ Emergency Preparedness Zone.

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VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to write a letter of support to endorse Mr. Thomas Calter as Plympton's State Representative. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

REPORTS:

The Old Colony Elder Services will be providing the "Meals on Wheels" programs to town residents. Please contact Council on Aging, Chair, Ms. Sandi Henry at 781-585-5208 to register for program.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to accept the Minutes of the May 07 meeting. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

DATES:

Plympton Police Department "Babysitter Safety Class" Dennett Elementary School
Sunday June 03, 2012 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM visit dsmith@plymptonpd.org
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM Annual Town Meeting at Dennett Elementary School.
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 8:00 PM Annual Town Meeting at Dennett Elementary School.

Mr. Pleau reported that the Personnel Policy is almost complete. The town Wage and Personnel recommendations will be included in Policy.

Mr. Henry reported that Mr. Norrie has increased the proposed sixteen acre solar project up to forty acres creating an annual income of \$130,000 to town.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to adjourn Regular meeting and enter into Executive Session meeting. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance
Board of Selectmen, Assistant