



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 16th , 2015

5:30 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

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Present: Chairman Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson / Absent: John Henry

Meeting began at 5:40 pm

Mr. Russo opened meeting with ground rules and a moment of silence.

Finance Committee:

- Finance Committee was present at tonight's meeting to go over BOS budget request and stabilization request for the public safety building. Susan Ossoff, from the Finance Committee started off by saying this is a very bleak reserve and budget funding year. Finance Committee and Town Coordinator, Dale went line by line over the budget requests. Finance Committee urged Dale to get them a line by line breakdown which they currently don't have. They would like it as soon as possible. Dale said he would get a breakdown to them.
- Finance Committee discussed Plympton's municipal revenue growth factor, which is a key component of the Chapter 70 state aid to education formula. Finance Committee has become aware that Plympton missed deadline for municipal revenue gross factor waiver. They recommend meeting with Melinda Ordway, from the Division of Local Services to see if Plympton can still qualify. Mr. Russo agrees we should look into this.

VOTED: Mr. Russo made motion to proceed with contacting Melinda Ordway to see if Plympton can still qualify for Municipal Revenue Gross Factor waiver. Second Ms. Thompson 2/0/1. Mr. Henry absent.

- Dale made quick presentation on capital stabilization request. He stated that best option is to build Police Station first and then follow up later in year with Fire station. Mr. Russo recused himself to sit in audience as resident, since decision has not been made on land where Public building might go. Dale proceeded to state the need of a public safety building consultant to help go over building's plans, architecture, landscaping, etc. Both Finance Committee and resident in audience said there should be a Building Committee in place to help make decisions regarding safety building. No decision was made.
- Susan Ossoff, of the Finance Committee gave a brief breakdown of budget request to BOS. She stated the committee will have actual numbers next week.

Town Clerk:

- Town Clerk, Tara Wick was present at tonight's meeting. Her purpose of tonight was to explain to the BOS what her job responsibilities are with her elected position. She also gave brief breakdown of what Clerk's office has actually taken on, which doesn't fall under her office's responsibilities. She is looking for support from BOS and residents to increase her hours by 6 and her assistant's hours by 4. With increased hours it will provide full coverage for the Clerk's office. Tara is one of the only officials elected in town. Her office reports to the State and it is not easy to keep up with all the mandates. Tara informed BOS that a lot of our boards/committees are mandated by state law and boards need to do a better job of fulfilling

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those mandates. Tara doesn't have time to chase boards anymore. When new appointees join a board they should be aware of all the responsibilities that come along with it.

- Mr. Russo stated that two weeks from today is the deadline for nomination papers. He believes the only way this Town will stay unique and special is for citizens to be involved and become active in the town's committees. Plympton needs help.

Town Coordinator:

- Town Coordinator, Dale reported to BOS that not many articles have been submitted.
- Karen Foye, from the Cable Advisory committee mentioned that she would like to be kept in the loop regarding the Cable articles. Mr. Russo doesn't think Cable Advisory Board is an active board and will look into this further and will discuss at next BOS meeting.

Minutes:

- Minutes cannot be approved until John Henry's return. They will be reviewed and approved at next meeting.

Correspondence:

- Plympton/Halifax Express
- Sakr documents
- Old Colony Notice of Meeting & Agenda
- Old Colony Planning Council Minutes from 12.3.14
- Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee Agenda & Minutes
- Save the Date for MBTA Advisory Board Meeting- 4.13.15
- Letter of Commendation from Police Chief Dillon regarding Officer John Mulready
- MA Open Space Conference newsletter
- Resource Control letter regarding well sampling
- South Shore Community Action Council, letter requesting to be put on agenda
- Change of business name for Class II request for George Walker/Southern Auto
- Newsletter from Massfiscal.org
- BOS invites to attend South Shore Community Action Council Local Hero awards night
- The Beacon

Future BOS Meeting Schedule:

- The next BOS meetings are Monday 3/23 & 3/30 at 6 pm.

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Meeting Adjourned 7:03 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie

Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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