



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 13th, 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Approved.....4.22.15

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, John Henry & Town Coordinator, Dale Pleau
Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

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

BOS Meeting Schedule:

- Brief discussion was held to talk about upcoming scheduling of meetings. BOS 4/20 Open Meeting will have to be rescheduled due to Patriots Day. A meeting also needs to be scheduled with numerous departments to discuss warrant articles for Town Meeting. Schedule will be discussed and set at the end of tonight's meeting.

P.A.Y.S Use Of Town Property Application:

- Plympton Athletic Youth Sports, Inc (P.A.Y.S) is requesting to hold a movie night at the baseball field behind Town Hall on 6/20/15 from 6-10:30 pm. They have submitted their Use of Town Property application.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve P.A.Y.S use of Town Property. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Girl Scouts Community Garden Request:

- Girl Scouts have sent BOS a letter to request a community garden on town lawn between the parking lots by the Fire Department and Library. BOS assistant, Kristen sent them the Use of Town Property Application. When application is returned BOS will make a vote.

Smoke Detector/Assessor Inspections:

- Mr. Russo wrote to Town Counsel for some guidance on combined smoke detector inspections with Fire Department and Assessor inspections. He is waiting to hear back from Town Counsel. Ms. Thompson reported that she has heard that the public is not happy with the Assessors accompanying the Fire Department on their inspections.

Solar Ongoing Projects:

- Mr. Henry briefly discussed that he received a power purchase agreement and pilot from Blue Wave Capital and a pilot from Borrego. There is an article on the warrant this year for Blue Wave.

Old Business:

- Mr. Russo mentioned that resident and School Committee member Jason Fraser wrote a letter to Senator Kennedy regarding Plympton's Municipal Revenue Growth Factor calculations. Mr. Fraser is looking for an explanation of formula used and miscalculations. Mr. Russo will contact both Mr. Fraser and Senator Kennedy to see if they can attend an upcoming BOS meeting to review and discuss the process.
- Mr. Henry would like South Shore Community Action Council, (SSCAC) to return to a BOS meeting when the Council on Aging can attend. The COA has many questions and concerns for the SSCAC. Mr. Russo also stated that we need to consult with Town Counsel on the wording of the SSCAC gift warrant article.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion for Town Coordinator, Dale to have a quick consult with Town Counsel on the wording of the 2k gift article to South Shore Community Action Council.

New Business:

- Mr. Henry stated he would like to invite Town Treasurer, Colleen Morin and OBRA representative Barry Perkins to discuss the "Smart Plan", which is an alternative to Social Security as permitted by the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA). Ms. Thompson suggested they attend a BOS meeting any week after Annual Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting Preparations:

- Town Coordinator Dale sent the latest list of warrant articles to BOS to review. BOS at a later date will need to meet and determine the order of the articles.
- Dale is working with Town Counsel to get wording on certain articles correct. Dale will have language from them soon.
- Mr. Henry asked if there are any special articles. Dale responded that Finance Committee has moved 4 Town Meeting warrant articles to Special Town Meeting warrant articles.

PEG Access Preparations:

- Mr. Russo has had some exchanges with Town Counsel regarding PEG access warrant article. They suggest the article that most likely fits Plympton's needs is the "enterprise fund article". This is an accounting article. Since this falls under brand new legislature attorneys are not sure how to proceed until they get more guidance from D.O.R and Attorney General's office. Town Counsel is very certain that the enterprise account is the best way for Plympton to proceed.
- Karen Foye from the Cable Advisory Committee was present at meeting tonight. She has done a lot of research on this subject. She stated to BOS that other towns have used article wording under legislative law Sec. 53A (grants and gift expenditures). Mr. Russo says the issue is very complex and it really just falls under an accounting issue. Plympton is in the spotlight to get the wording on this article right.

Town Coordinator:

- Mr. Pleau stated that he has begun receiving insurance quotes for FY16. MIAA (Property and Casualty insurance) quote has come in about .07% lower than last year. This equals to about \$3800 in savings. Mayflower Insurance is up slightly. Town Treasurer will be submitting this article.
- Mr. Pleau stated that perc test was done on land next to Town House and we passed with flying colors.
- Mr. Pleau communicated that RebuildEx is testing ceiling panels in Treasurer's Office for asbestos and lead. If results are negative RebuildEx will go in right away to repair damages. Time frame should be about three weeks for everything to be restored. Ms. Thompson asked if damages have been covered by insurance, Mr. Pleau confirmed that so far everything has been covered.
- Mr. Pleau will coordinate with Town Clerk, Tara Morrison and make sure all board/committee meetings won't overlap due to the former Selectmen's room now a temporary office for the Treasurer department.

Public Safety Building:

- Mr. Pleau advised BOS that a land evaluation will be done on Center Street property. Next steps in process will be to see if Town votes yes on approving a consultant for the Public Safety Building.

Town Government Vacancies:

- Plympton is still looking for volunteers. Write-in candidates are still being accepted. As of July 1st there will be many appointed board/committee openings.

BOS took a brief recess at 7:05 pm. Meeting resumed at 7:15.

Finance Committee:

- Finance Committee joined BOS meeting. They are currently working on the budget with an updated revenue projection. They were present tonight to discuss warrant articles and budget with BOS. They advised BOS that 4 warrant articles were moved to special Town Meeting. They discussed warrant articles with BOS and voiced all their concerns and questions. Following warrants they moved on to discuss budget lines with BOS. They wanted feedback and input from BOS and Town Coordinator.
- BOS needs to schedule an “all hands meeting” with numerous departments to go over warrant articles. This meeting will include Town Clerk, Town Moderator, Town Accountant, Town Counsel and BOS. Mr. Russo will contact Town Counsel and Town Moderator to see if they can possibly meet during the day on Monday, May 4th.

Correspondence:

- Plympton–Halifax Express
- Letter of Commendation from Police Chief
- Norfolk County Agricultural High School tuition rates
- Mass-buys Expo flyer
- Columbia Gas excavate request (sent to Highway Dept as well)
- Good Energy Electricity Aggregation Letter
- Girl Scouts request for community garden
- Plympton Athletic Youth Sports , Inc request for use of Town Property
- Letter from MMA stating Mayor Walsh’s request to hold a moment of silence on 4/15 at 2:49 pm to mark the 2 year anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombings

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve excavating on the intersection of Crescent Street and Main Street subject to Highway Dept. approval. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Resident in audience had question on last week’s letter in correspondence regarding Keolis Vegetation Control Program and the spraying of herbicides. He is a bee keeper and wants to make sure no harsh chemicals are being used. He also would like to be alerted when spraying will be taking place. He mentioned to BOS that Falmouth, MA voted against spraying. He asked BOS their opinion on subject and wanted to know if they were in favor of it. Art Morin, from Board of Health was in audience. He had letter resident was referring to and will give him a copy. Mr. Russo stated this could be a possible agenda item for next week.

Next BOS Meeting Schedule:

- Next scheduled meetings:
Wednesday, April 22nd BOS ES at 5:30pm and BOS Regular Open Meeting at 6 pm.
Monday, April 27th at 6 pm

Minutes:

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 4/6 BOS meeting minutes as amended. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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