



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 22nd , 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Approved.....4.27.15

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, John Henry & Town Coordinator Dale Pleau
Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

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

Use of Town Property Applications:

- Girl Scouts submitted Use of Town Property application for a community garden on the lawn between the Fire Station and Library parking lots.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve Use of Town Property application for Girl Scouts. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

- Last week BOS approved Plympton Athletic Youth Sports, Inc (P.A.Y.S) Use of Town Property application. There was some concern over certificate of liability insurance binder. BOS agreed they are okay with event being held without this certificate of liability.
- The group Moving with the Spirit (MWTS), submitted a Use of Town Property application for a bake sale they are holding on Saturday, May 16th at Town House during town election.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve Use of Town Property application for Moving with the Spirit bake sale. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Herbicide Spraying:

- At the last meeting a resident in the audience brought up concern about herbicide spraying and the effect on our environment. BOS and Board of Health (BOH) reviewed letter from Tec Associates regarding the 2015 Vegetation Control Program. The letter stated that spraying would only be done as a touch up as needed. BOS and BOH determined that the process is very well regulated and it doesn't affect bees. Mr. Russo stated that the spraying is done solely along the railroad right now. BOS and BOH are given 21 day notice before any spraying is done. Resident in audience was concerned about houses along the railroad and stated if he was an abutter to the railroad he would be very troubled about the spraying. Mr. Russo expressed his concern and said BOS would keep a much closer look at this issue. Mr. Henry mentioned that Tree Warden, Bill Hayes could attend a BOS meeting to discuss this matter.

Debt Repayment:

- Mr. Henry presented a proposal paying off town debt. Benefits of proposal could reduce Plympton's tax rate and help the bond rating in future. Mr. Russo asked Mr. Henry if there was a downside to this approach, Mr. Henry has reviewed this proposal with Town Coordinator and Town Accountant and there doesn't seem to be any. Mr. Henry stated next steps would be to sit down with Finance Committee to review proposed plan. BOS will put this on agenda next week to continue conversation.

Annual Town Meeting preparations:

- BOS stated that they gave ok to Town Moderator John Traynor to proceed with purchasing boards to advertise upcoming Town Meeting. The quote for boards was \$300.
- BOS reviewed list of articles with Town Coordinator Mr. Pleau. Mr. Pleau advised BOS to vote on article recommendations tonight.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion that BOS recommend all 6 Special Town Meeting articles (article 3 as amended). Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 as written. Second Ms. Thomson. 3/0

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend articles 8 and 9. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend article 10. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend article 11 and 13. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

No recommendation on article 12 tonight. Town Coordinator Mr. Pleau is waiting on article language from Town Counsel. Will vote on article at next BOS meeting.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend article 14. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend article 15 and 16. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

There was no vote on article 17 tonight. Mr. Russo stated BOS needs to let Town know their intentions on the Public Safety Building and the purpose of hiring an engineering consultant. Resident in audience suggested putting a summary of project on website. Ms. Thompson will write up an overview and have it posted on Town Website.

VOTE: Motion was made to recommend article 18. Mr. Henry voted yes, Ms. Thompson voted yes. 2/1. Mr. Russo voted no.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend articles 19, 20, 21. All recommended. 3/0

BOS decided to remove article 22.

Mr. Russo made motion to remove article 22 from warrant. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Mr. Russo recused himself to sit in audience as private citizen when BOS discussed article 24. Mr. Pleau stated he is still talking to Town Counsel on wording of article. Ms. Thompson agreed to vote on article next week when language was correct.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend article 25. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to recommend article 26. Second Ms. Thompson. Mr. Henry voted no. 2/1

BOS decided to vote on articles 27 & 28 next week.

Combined Smoke and Assessor Inspections:

- In past meetings there has been some discussions and voting on allowing combined inspections for the Fire Department smoke detector inspections and the Assessor home inspections. After some thought and guidance from Town Counsel, the board has decided to keep both these inspections separate. Residents are not happy with the assessors gaining access and they have every right to not let them in. Mr. Henry stated that if home owners don't allow assessors in they can assess house on how they see fit.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to reverse previous decision on combined inspections. Smoke and Assessor inspections should be separate. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Solar-ongoing projects:

- Mr. Henry is still waiting on Town Counsel. Will touch base with them on Friday to see where we stand.

Future BOS Meeting schedule:

- Monday, April 27th Executive Session at 5:30, Regular Open Meeting at 6 pm.
- Monday, May 4th at noon. Working Session
- Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm. Public informational meeting
- Monday May 11th at 6pm Regular Open Meeting

There is an educational session on Town Meeting at the Library on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:30 am. Mr. Russo will make sure informational meetings on Town Meeting will be posted on Town website for public to view.

Town Coordinator:

- Mr. Pleau reported that there was asbestos found in the Treasurer's Office. He will set up a time for asbestos remediation. In the meantime, Treasurer's office will be closed for several weeks. Mr. Pleau also suggested keeping Treasurer's office in the former Selectmen's room and turn their office into two meeting rooms. Mr. Henry suggested testing the tiles in the entire building. Past installation of light fixtures could have aggravated the asbestos.

Town Government Vacancies:

- Mr. Russo stated that there are openings on both the Finance and Planning Board Committees.

Correspondence:

- Plympton-Halifax Express
- BOH request for Legal Counsel.
VOTE: Mr. Henry made motion for Board of Health to spend up to 5 hours with Town Counsel. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0
- Letter of recommendation from Open Space Committee to appoint Alan Wheelock as a voting member of the committee.
VOTE: Mr. Henry made motion to appoint Alan Wheelock to Open Space Committee. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0
- Letter from Columbia Gas regarding rate change
- Letter from Library Director, Debbie Batson to invite BOS to attend Town Meeting overview on Saturday, May 2nd from 10:30 am- noon.
- Coalition for Responsible Retailing letter to advise BOS about tobacco regulations
- Silver Lake Regional School letter regarding approved budget
- Sakr litigation documents
- Norfolk and Dedham Group letter regarding insurance claim

Minutes:

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 4/13 BOS meeting minutes as amended. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,



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Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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