



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 6th , 2015

6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
Community Meeting Room

Approved.....4.13.15

Present: Selectmen: Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, John Henry & Town Coordinator, Dale Pleau
Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

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

Boston Post Cane:

- Tonight the BOS had the honor of presenting the Boston Post Cane to Plympton's oldest resident in town. Doris Silva, 97 was present along with her family to accept the cane. This is a wonderful tradition that the Town of Plympton continues to celebrate.

Sandwich Board Signs:

- John Traynor, Town Moderator was present. He is requesting three signs to be put up around town to promote the upcoming Town Meeting. His idea was sandwich board signs. There are nine in the Plympton Historical Society shed that could possibly be used. Town Coordinator, Dale priced out sandwich boards and for 1k you can purchase 3 boards (with lettering on both sides). Resident in audience brought up suggestion that boards would need to be anchored to ground to avoid being stolen or blown over.
- The idea of posters was brought up as well. Both Ms. Thompson and Mr. Russo liked this suggestion the best. Laminated posters are thought to run about \$30 each.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to purchase and use posters on sandwich boards this year to notify residents of Town Meeting. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Assessor Inspections:

- The Assessors Department in the past has asked BOS for their support in having combined inspections for Assessor inspections and Fire Department smoke detector inspections. The Fire Chief has reported that he is getting "flack" when the Assessors accompany him on their inspections. The homeowner does not like it. Mr. Henry stated that we are mixing apples and oranges. The homeowner has to let the Fire Department in; they do not have to let the Assessors in. Mr. Russo thinks BOS should talk to Town Counsel and see what the rules are combining both of these inspections. He will feel more comfortable making a decision once he communicates with them.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to have a brief conversation with Town Counsel on the legalities of having joint inspections with both Assessor and Fire Department. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Annual Town Meeting Preparations:

- Town Coordinator, Dale heard back from Town Counsel on warrant articles that BOS were seeking guidance on. He will forward their suggestions to BOS.
- The land article on town land at Maple Street and Palmer Road was brought up. Mr. Russo recused himself to sit in audience as private citizen not BOS member.
- Ms. Thompson asked if we needed to get town land at Maple and Palmer surveyed and appraised before Town Meeting. Mr. Pleau stated that we would most likely need to get it done ahead of time before Town Meeting. Ms. Thompson questioned if we should bring vote to Town Meeting and let residents vote to decide to spend money having appraisal done. Mr. Henry asked how appraisal would be paid for. Mr. Pleau brought up the fact that the Town voted last year at Town Meeting to have land appraised, so there is money in budget to do so.
- Mr. Russo, speaking as a private citizen stated that he is very opposed to selling town land for development. He does not think it's in the best interest for the long term well-being of this town. He does not believe we should sell town land for a short term financial gain.
- Mr. Henry stated that his goal selling town land would be to put that money towards a Public Safety Building.
- Mr. Russo supplied the warrant article from last year's Annual Town Meeting, (article 29). The warrant article was voted on and does allow town to use money for appraisals, therefore the town does not have to re-vote on this. There is enough money left to have land at Maple Street and Palmer Road appraised.

VOTE: Mr. Henry made motion to have appraisal done at Maple Street and Palmer Road on the two buildable parcels with a max of two building lots. Second Ms. Thompson. 2/0/1. Mr. Russo abstained.

- There were some questions from residents in audience. Mr. Henry clarified that on the town land at Maple and Palmer there are 5 parcels. Two of them are buildable. The rest of the acreage is wetlands. He added that selling this town land is a good way for the town to profit \$300k.
- John Traynor, Town Moderator asked for a date with BOS and Town Counsel to discuss and review warrant articles for Town Meeting. BOS will have schedule for him at next week's meeting.

FY16 Budget:

- Nothing new to report at tonight's meeting. BOS will meet with Financial Committee next Monday.

Public Safety Building:

- Mr. Pleau told BOS we are in a holding pattern right now. The perk test was done on the land next to Town House. Center Street is still on agenda to be analyzed and tested for possible Public Safety Building site.

Town Government Vacancies:

- There are still many positions open. Residents can still be write- in candidates.

Solar-ongoing projects:

- Mr. Henry had discussions with both Blue Wave and Andy Steinke from TJA Solar. Blue Wave is being held up by a lawsuit right now. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Steinke for a power purchase agreement. Blue Wave best deal is .1075 cents with no inflation. Borrego Solar is .11 cents with 2% inflation for every year during 20 years. Over 20 years the difference of the two is \$470k. BOS will have to decide what company they will want to go with. Blue Wave is tied up in litigation but they will not walk away from their commitment with Plympton, they will continue to spend legal fees. Mr. Henry stated that his personal decision would be to stick with Blue Wave. Both Ms. Thompson and Mr. Russo agree with that decision.

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion that at the moment Plympton does not enter a power purchase agreement with Borrego Solar Company. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Next BOS Meeting Schedule:

- Next scheduled meetings are 4/13 and 4/20 at 6 pm.

Town Coordinator:

- Mr. Pleau has the lab results of the air quality test in the Treasurer's office. There was nothing damaging found. RebuildEx believes the problem could be the overhead tiles. Mr. Pleau is not sure if insurance will cover tiles being replaced, BOS will make decision on tile repair once we hear back from insurance company. The carpet does not seem to be a problem.

Correspondence:

- Plympton–Halifax Express
- Sakr Litigation documents
- Letter from Lucas Tree Experts
- 2015 Keolis Vegetation Control Program
- Old Colony Agenda & Minutes from 4/9
- Community Preservation Act Surcharge Letter
- Pan American Life Annual Meeting 4/21
- Letter from D.E.P regarding Sustainable Materials Recovery Program
- MIIA letter regarding Sakr litigation
- Comcast Business free account review


Minutes:

VOTE: Mr. Russo made motion to approve 3/30 ES meeting minutes as presented. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0

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Meeting Adjourned 7:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Kristen LeVangie
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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