

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
April 07, 2014

Present: John Henry and Mark Russo  
The Regular Open Meeting began at 7:05PM

Absent: Joe Freitas

**APPOINTMENT:**

7:00 PM Finance Committee - All Members were present: Susan Ossoff, Chair, Marilyn Browne, Max West, Mark Gabriel and Lisa Hart. Town Accountant, Ms. Gomez and Fire Chief Borsari were also part of the discussion/meeting. Ms. Ossoff presented the "Fin Com Budget Development Summary as of April 06, 2014" to the Board. The handout is a preliminary report reflecting Budget requests, recommendations and projected revenues. Ms. Ossoff gave a history of the Finance Committee Members role. They began the budget requests in January asking Departments for their needs. The Treasurer and Assessor were also contacted to project revenue balances. This was a very technical and informative session with Fin Com and the Selectmen. Several things were reviewed and discussed:

- Fin Com will try not to use the Capital Stabilization Fund for the balance the Town Operating Budget. They want to save as much as possible for the Building Budget.
- Fire Chief Borsari gave an update on phasing out the older ambulance. Estimated cost to keep running will be \$3,000.00
- If the new ambulance is only ambulance running in Town – other Town's will be asked for back-up as Mutual Aide.
- Discussion of funding and staffing two ambulance was on everyone's radar
- AMR will no longer be Town's back-up ambulance
- Cardiac equipment monitor costs were taken up. The refurbished monitor cost \$9,000.
- Response order to auto accidents was reviewed – the "Command component: is in place Both ambulances are sent out to scene along with two rescue engines.
- Fire Department budget is on target.
- Staff – 18 Medics and 16 Basics
- Attention to New England "on call Fire Fighter" status is changing due to stringent, extreme requirements to meet current laws.
- Requested a second full time person
- Protective Gear – uniforms are sized to Fire Fighter. 36 sets are needed to compliment department with a few back-up sets. Purchase orders for Gear is twelve sets each year.

Mr. Henry took the opportunity to report on several unemployment claims made to the Town. He reported that the "on call Fire Fighters" are being released from their primary jobs and are applying for unemployment benefits through the Town of Plympton.

Ms. Ossoff stated a second full time Fire Fighter is fiscally impossible to fund. She went onto report that several Town Department heads have requested additional hours and staff.

This portion of the meeting changed to discussion of the Silver Lake budget payment shortage to State of \$106,000.00 The Town of Halifax and Plympton will request Level Service for Silver Lake. The Silver Lake technology budget was not taken into consideration in the Operating Budget. Silver Lake is requesting Chromebook lap top computers for each student; a cost of \$100,000.

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More topics discussed:

- Re-vote Silver Lake budget
- Needs Legal input on how to handle the deficit of \$106,000
- Mr. Pleau will contact Town Counsel for a definitive answer on payment \$106,000
- Public Safety facility use some of Capital Purpose Fund
- Public Safety facility is not a luxury, it is needed
- Repair for Roof – Reserve Request to complete roof repairs.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to apply for Reserve Request from Finance Committee at the bid price for Town House roof repairs. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0

- MIIA annual inspection – Mr. Pleau will request for replacement of tile and install carpet in hallway at Town House.
- OPED Fund is established for upcoming retirees.
- Senior Work-Off program – tax relief – FY2016 Begin setting monies in Overlay account.
- Fin Com will recommend a 2% pay increase to Town Employees.
- Dennett Budget will be reviewed by Fin Com for pay increases and amounts (if not contracted)
- The Board of Selectmen will finalize the Warrant Articles on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 for Fin Com.

*At 8:40 PM this concluded the Finance Committee's Meeting with Board.*

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to name and appoint the Town Coordinator, Mr. Dale Pleau as the Town of Plympton ADA Coordinator. (Replacing Mr. Freitas) Second Mr. Henry. 2/0

**TOWN COORDINATOR UPDATES:**

- Green Communities – NSTAR 30% incentives. Warrant is ready for Selectmen's review.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Filed in Selectmen Assistant's office unless noted otherwise:*

Plympton Police Officer, Brian Cranshaw – Municipal Police Training Plymouth Police Academy "Basic Sergeant's Program" eighty hours completed.

Cambridgeport School – Third grade students – Deborah Sampson State request. Selectmen Signed a letter acknowledging receipt of letter.

Old Colony Elder Services – Request nomination for Ms. Patricia Mustacaros.

Speclines – Municipal Lighting.

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Department of Environmental Protection – Recycling SMRP

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*This concludes correspondence.*

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**DATES:**

Monday, April 07, 2014 at 8:00 PM Planning Board Medical Public Hearing Medical Marijuana Temporary Moratorium.

Tuesday, April 08, 2014 Proclamation "Equal Pay Day for Women 2014"

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM State Rep. Calter District Office hour at Town House.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 31 as amended. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0

Hold Meeting Minutes of March 03, 2014 Regular Open Session and Executive Session.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to adjourn the meeting at 8:53PM. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance, Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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