

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 06, 2014

Present: Chairman Mark Russo, John Henry and Colleen Thompson,
Meeting began at 5:30 PM **Working Session** and recessed at 6:45 PM
Regular Open Session meeting began at 7:05 PM

Mr. Russo opened the meeting with the “ground rules” and asked that all present keep Selectman Joe Freitas in our thoughts at the beginning of the meeting.

Newspaper Reporter, Mr. Melanson was present during the Working Session of the meeting. Mr. Pleau, Town Coordinator was not present – on vacation.

The Agenda was followed closely:

Comcast update – Mr. Russo – no news. Mr. Epstein will contact Mr. Buckley.
A public hearing will need to take place

Logs on Lake Street – Ms. Thompson spoke with Police Chief Dillon – logs do not present a safety threat. Mr. Mulcahy, Highway Surveyor’s visited the residence at 22 Lake Street residence of Mr. Poole regarding complaints that logs are too close to street. To recover the county bound markers near property – cost \$400.00 to stake the town property line cost and additional \$400.00 The Board agreed the first step will be to write a letter to Mr. Poole informing him of recent complaints regarding the logs close proximity to street.

Proclamation for Mr. Dick Nordahl – Assistant Assessor, Ms. Stuart will coordinate reception and proclamation from State for Mr. Nordahl for years of service on the Board of Assessors’ Presentation at Selectmen’s Meeting on August 25, 2014.

Updating on-going legal issues – Selectmen will hold an Executive Session Meeting on Monday, August 11, 2014 to discuss legal matter and contract discussion with Transfer Station Manager.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to sign the September 09, 2014 official posting of Warrant form for Town Clerk. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Invasive Maple Tree on Town Green – blocking view of flag pole and interfering with flag when flown at half-mast. Mr. Russo visited site of tree in question and suggested trimming of branches or cutting and removal of tree. Much discussion ensued and Tree Warden’s email comments were taken into consideration.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to contact Tree Warden, Mr. Hayes to remove the one tree. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Use of Town Property Application - Filed by Brook Retreat – Ms. Kate Reilly for fund raiser – “Walk.” The Board discussed in length the Brook Retreat Home and several questions arose: Mr. Henry will contact Zoning Enforcement Officer, who may have to recuse himself due to close proximity of as a neighbor. Mr. Russo will contact Attorney Quirk for same. Ms. Krance will contact Ms. Rielly with questions that were presented by the Plympton Board of Health on the application. The application will be re-visited at the Selectmen’s next meeting.

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Building Admin. – Request to relocate:

The Board will review this request and confirm air quality test findings at their next meeting. In the event Ms. Matheny is moved to the former Selectmen's Meeting room, the move will be on a temporary basis.

August 25, 2014 Plan for Departments Meeting:

The Board reviewed their approach for the upcoming meeting.

- Individual Board/Committee main focus
- What are the B/C priorities
- Address roadblocks/challenges preventing goals/priorities

Board of Selectmen Priority list:

Mr. Russo presented the other Board of Selectmen a list of BOS priorities/projects (Draft) for consideration and discussion (1 – 13) :

- (JP) Continue with the Public Safety Building project (Police and Fire Departments) A new Committee be formed to continue the work of the Towns Building Needs Complex Study Committee.
- How does the BOS find such a Committee? – Many options were discussed.
- Retired Engineers – Ms. Ossoff to name a few were mentioned for the Committee.
- Begin process with Police and Fire Chief's and "may" include Town Coordinator and one Selectman.
- Weather – season to perk possible sites is now
- Monies for a planner for this project were not considered at the time during Town Meeting.
- Inform/educate residents of process moving forward on project.

At the end of the discussion of the Public Safety Building project (Police and Fire Departments) Mr. Russo stated that +/- Board/Committee policy and procedures manual #7 and #13 Manuals will move to the bottom of the Selectmen's Priority list at this time. The Mass Municipal Association manual is expected for the fall edition. Hope to use their template for manuals.

Ms. Henry reported he will seek to be on the Solar Review By-law Committee. The BOS will reach out to Conservation Committee Members that may be interested in the Wetlands Review By-law Committee or submit recommendations of interested candidates.

The topic of Regionalization of the Fire Department was lightly mentioned. Mr. Russo stated there is nothing imminent and this topic is "years down the road."

Mr. Henry gave a brief history of the Town's request to be included in the Entergy relicensing for their "Emergency Plan," in order to receive same considerations as Town of Carver.

The Board recessed their meeting at 6:45 PM to prepare for their Regular Open Meeting at 7:00 PM

The Board resumed their meeting at 7:05 PM PRESENT AT Tri-Town Cable Studio MEETING: Halifax Cable Advisory Study Committee: Mr. Dick Wright, Mr. John Shivon, and others. Carver Selectmen, Ron Clarke, Halifax Selectmen Ms. Kim Foye and Mr. Michael Schleft, Carver Community Access Television, CCAT, Manager, Richard Goulart and

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Ms. Karen Foye, Plympton Cable Advisory Board Member. Discussions ensued in length for a partnership for Tri-Town Community Cable Access agreement. Major items discussed:

- Attorney Peter Epstein negotiates with Mr. Buckley of Comcast.
- Use Town of Halifax Contract as template for Plympton.
- Replace Carver Studio at High School to accommodate all three towns.
- Studio placement North Carver to accommodate residents of Plympton and Halifax.
- Corporation to include government and education access.
- **ORINATION POINTS** for communication receivers for Plympton (was never installed in original contract with Adelphia/Comcast).
- Discussion of Comcast fee line on invoices - \$4.50 estimate monthly fee for subscribers.
- Mr. Russo will contact Mr. Epstein for a draft proposal to Comcast.

All other Business will be addressed at the Board's next meeting.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to adjourn meeting at 8:25 PM Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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