

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 11, 2014

Present: Chairman Mark Russo, John Henry and Colleen Thompson
Executive Session at 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM to discuss #2 Contract – Highway Surveyor
And #3 On-going Legal matter – Rocky Harvest Spring
Regular Open Session meeting began at 6:00 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.

Mr. Russo announced the memorial/gathering for Selectman Joe Freitas in remembering his thirty eight years of service to the town. The event will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Upland Club. All are welcome to attend.

A Memorial Fund has been set-up to help the family with medical and memorial expenses. Contributions can be made on line:

<http://www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/joe-freitas-memorial-fund/206880>

Agenda Items:

Brook Retreat Group Home – the Board discussed the “walk tour” application. The Board will support the application if needed approval obtained from other Departments/Boards and is waiting for Board of Health to approve. Other concerns:

- Zoning Enforcement Officer – contact Town Counsel for advise and recusal policy.
- Motion Made by Mr. Russo to appoint Building Commissioner, Tom Millias as Zoning Enforcement Office in the event Mr. Karling, ZEO has to recuse himself on this specific project.
- Property will not pay real estate taxes – classified as non-profit business.
- Concern for abutters and their questions – will have to hold a hearing for Group Home process.
- Brook Retreat owners begin their process with the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- Does the property conform to present town By-laws.
- Property is Res/Ag – will determine number of bedrooms.
- The property has not closed and been finalized.

The Board will collect more information and report at their next meeting.

August 25, 2014 Meeting with Boards/Committees/Departments:

The Board will present a letter with attainable goals and formal Agenda to be sent out to B/C/C on August 26, 2014.

Ivy's office:

Air Quality test due in next week; oral report to Mr. Pleau.

Computer was unable to be set-up at desk in former Selectmen's Room for Ivy.

Continuation of BOS priorities discussion:

Will request Wet-lands By-law review by Conservation Commission.

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External communication between Board of Selectmen and Town:

Some discussion ensued regarding methods of communication for Town residents;
Send a general quarterly mailing.

COMCAST UPDATE:

Halifax/Carver/Plympton Tri-town – preliminary information. A letter of support from Town of Plympton was requested. In the event Plympton prolongs their decision or declines to join Halifax and Carver, a small room and “play back” machine will be needed. Something of huge importance in negotiation with Comcast is a “drop point signal” for cable access.

In summary, Mr. Russo stated:

- The train is leaving the station.
- It will be more costly to town in future should we not join Halifax and Carver now.
- As future regionalization projects become available, Plympton will have established trust amongst other towns.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to agree that Plympton agree in principal to join Halifax and Carver to begin negotiations. Second Ms. Thompson. 2/0/1 Mr. Henry “no.”

REPORTS:

Discussed posting for replacement – Lisa Krance, Admin. Assistant to Board of Selectmen. Cover letter and resume for each applicant will be required. Full job description and salary range to follow. Posting will be submitted to the Boards/Committees/Department distribution List, MMA and Website.

Brook Retreat Home – visit with Board tentative appointment, Monday, September 08, 2014

Mr. Pleau reported:

- Green community lights are completed in all town buildings and Dennett.
- ADA bathrooms in Town House – now complete.
- Air Quality test for basement, Building Department due next week.
- Will contact Tree Warden and others for pricing to remove tree stump at Town Green flag pole.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Filed in Selectmen Assistant's office unless noted otherwise:

Request from Police Chief Dillon to meet in Executive Session.

Lynch, Malloy, Marini, LLP June 30, 2013 – signed.

MDAR – Dept. of Agricultural Resources – Solicitation of Candidate Appointment as Misquito District Commissioner: Copied Board of Health.

Old Colony Joint Trans. Comm. Agenda Aug. 14, 2014

Brockton Neighborhood Health Center – Dinner and Auction – October 02, 2014

Good Energy – invitation to purchase energy.

Hobbs & Warren – Forms and books.

Plympton/Halifax Express.

ABCC – Advisory on Farmer Winery Authorization to charge for samples.

Kopelman & Paige, - to Town Auditor – Description of Litigation Claims (confidential)

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Draft 8.1.14 Proposed Statement of Principles and Terms for Shared Carver and Halifax Access Corporation.

Massasoit – Open enrollment.

Summary – Tree removal – Invasive Norway Maple, email from Tree Warden.

Town Clerk recommendation for Board of Registrar appointment to Elections Board for Janet B. Stides to replace Lisa Krance – term will expire June 30, 2016.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to appoint Ms. Janet B. Stides to the Board of Registrars – term will expire June 30, 2016. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Silver Lake Regional School District Audit for FY2013.

Plympton Board of Health – Large Outdoor Events: Permits Now Required.

Town Clerk – Certificate of Vote – Article 23 on July 21, 2014.

Kopelman and Paige – Plymouth County Registry of Deeds – Assessor's Map 13, Parcel 2-1 Upland Rd. and Crescent St. Book 3911, Page 87

MEGA – Risk Reminder – Heat exhaustion or stroke.

Beacon publication for BOS.

MIIA – Insurance claim date of loss July 3, 2014 – lawn mower – rock – Highway.

MIIA – Suzzane Sakr vs. Town of Plympton MIIA agrees to defend and indemnify members of: Zoning Board of Appeals, ZEO, Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Board of Selectmen.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to grant permission for Columbia Gas of Mass to excavate to make following main installation with all necessary appurtenances – new gas service at 22 Oak Street, Dig Safe # 20143009941. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Animal Control Department – warning letter to Ms. Elaine Cordiero.

NSTAR – Notice to a Lite Control and Mr. Vopat – tree trimming.

MEGA – Packet – Procedures: Workers Comp. By-laws, Rewards and Safety Activities.

Lawyer Referral service Visit: masslawhelp.com or call (866_ 627-7577

Lake Street Chapter 61A to Solar exercise right to purchase – Mr. Russo will follow-up with Assistant Assessor.

Plymouth County Budget – Mr. Russo took.

Commonwealth of Mass. Approval – application for destruction permission of old files held By Selectmen's office.

This concludes correspondence.

DATES:

Saturday, August 16, 2014 Memorial Gathering for Selectman Joe Freitas at Upland Club.

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting August 25, 2014 7:00 PM Regular Open Session.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of August 06, 2014 as corrected. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2014 as corrected. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

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VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014 as corrected. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept the Selectmen Executive Session Minutes of July 14, 2014 as corrected. Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

OLD BUSINESS:

None to report at this time.

In closing, Mr. Henry will contact Zoning Enforcement Office regarding Brook Retreat House.

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

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to adjourn meeting at 7:20 PM Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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