

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
August 12, 2013

Present: John Henry, Joe Freitas and Mark Russo
The Board met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM with Fire Chief
Regular Open Meeting began at 7:20 PM

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to reappoint Ms. Roxanne Whitbeck as the Veterans' Burial Agent until June 30, 2014. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0.

Letter of recommendation made by Police Chief Dillon to appoint Michael G. Gagnon as a Special Police Officer until June 30, 2014

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to appoint Michael G. Gagnon as a Special Police Officer until June 30, 2014. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0.

Chairman Henry brought up for review the expired contracts: for the Animal Control Officer and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Mr. Freitas stated he was not ready to make his decision tonight.

Ms. Linda Leddy addressed the Board while several members of the Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee and Finance Committee were present. Ms. Leddy gave a thorough report and three handouts to the Board and their Assistant:

- Steps to Open Churchill Park (5 steps) (*will be attached to these Meeting Minutes as well*)
- Draft Outline of permitting Process for Churchill Park (Step One of 5 Steps noted in bullet above)
- Budget – Churchill Park Implementation

Also reported by Ms. Leddy: Wildlands Trust Conservation will be custodian for conservation restrictions plan. There was much discussion with Board regarding duplication of legal efforts by Kopelman and Paige and Murtha Cullina. Ms. Leddy will coordinate a detailed invoice and present to Board.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the process in principal as outlined in the "Steps to Open Church Hill Park," as presented tonight. Second Mr. Freitas. 2/0/1.

There was discussion between Mr. Henry and Mr. Russo regarding the interpretation of Town Meeting 2013, Article 18 as it pertains to who has the ultimate authority over the Churchill Park property; the Board of Selectmen or Open Space Committee. Many members of the audience stated that they are trustworthy, loyal volunteers that are willing to do the work necessary to complete the daunting tasks involved in order to pursue the ultimate goal of a community conservation land known as Churchill Park. Ms. Leddy stated that she is maintaining the highest ethical standards of the Mass State Conflict of Interest Laws. She also confirmed that she has spoken to a representative at the Mass State Office and was validated that she has complied with the State Laws.

Agricultural Commission, Chair, Mr. Richard L. Harlfinger, Jr. and Mr. LaFleur asked the Board to establish an Account with the Town Treasurer/Town Accountant for the check donations of \$220.00

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to establish a Town Account for the Agricultural Commission donations with the Town Accountant/Treasurer's Office. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.

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REPORTS: Murtha Cullina invoice – CPC no action taken

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to declare the building at Transfer Station be considered "Surplus," and have Mr. Pleau post notice for bids - August 26th and the building be removed. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0.

Mr. Freitas reported that has concerns of the current perimeter transportation restrictions allowed by the governing uses for Town Seniors. He will contact:

- GATRA transportation
- South Shore Community Action Council transportation
- Consider using new Council on Aging Vehicle (need a volunteer driver and use Town fuel vehicle budget.)

MEGA – Town Workmen's Compensation Carrier request for iCE Access Authorization.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to grant authorization to Town Coordinator, Dale Pleau and Lisa Krance, Selectmen's Assistant as iCE Access Authorization for online Workmen's Compensation claims for Town employees. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0.

UPDATES: From Town Coordinator, Mr. Pleau:

- Tour of Duxbury Dispatch
- Highway Surveyor – Storm water extension to Town
- Town computer – Server – several issues – technicians to trouble shoot
- Verizon phone lines – converted to Centrex – three more outside lines
- Dial "8" for an outside line
- Central Register Ads for Temporary EMS Housing – July 31, 2013 Halifax/Plympton Reporter on August 02, 2013. Ten bid requests – closes Monday, August 26, 2013 at 12:15 pm
- Open Cape Corporation Engineer visit Tuesday, August 13 to install a Fiber Optic Line.

CORRESPONDENCE READ BY CLERK:

Filed in Selectmen Assistant's office unless noted otherwise:

(Any correspondence discussed in length will be noted with an *)

Email from Assessors Office regarding recent computer issues and access.

Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc. Project no. 13-071-1657 (Maple Street and Palmer Road)

(Update version to reveal a highlight outline that did not copy well from the original, per Mr. Henry. 6 copies)

Commonwealth of Mass – Department of Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC)

Reporting on General Counsel, Bill Kelley's retirement.

Commonwealth of Mass – New Farmer Series Pouring Permits for Farmer-Breweries, Farmer-Wineries and Farmer-Distilleries.

MEGA – Workers' Compensation Insurance – Report on Mike Grady's departure.

Commonwealth of Mass Department of Telecommunications and Cable – Town License Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. expires on December 1, 2013

(Mr. Pleau will address in a written report to the Competition Division.)

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MEGA – (Loss Control Services Division) Video Safety Topics,

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to send the MEGA Video Safety Topics to:
Town Employee Chiefs, Highway Surveyor, Library Director and Dennett Principal.
Second Mr. Russo. 3/0.

Email from Mr. Pat Ciaramella – Old Colony Planning Council – Grant-Disaster Recovery
Funding (CDBE-DR)

Nextera Energy – Consumer Protection Rights (competitive electricity provider “CEP”)
Carver Zoning Board of Appeals – Agenda – August 7, 2013.

MEGA – Risk Reminder – “Don’t let lifting become a strain.” (Dominic Ottavi – Loss Control Consultant)
(Copied all Department Heads.)

Plympton’s Future Municipal Building Plans – Send your thoughts and ideas to the Town
Complex Building Study Committee: Email: town.complex@town.plympton.ma.us
Or drop a line/write a letter to the TCBS Committee at Town House.

Kopelman and Paige – addressed to Mr. Golder, Esquire at Marsh, Moriarty, Ontell & Golder,
PC. Regarding directive to file the “**original Certificate of Discharge of Property**” from
Federal Tax Lien for 0 Main Street Acquisition.

Updated Sexual Harassment Policy and Anti-Discrimination Policy – Forward to Town Clerk
for implementation.

MBTA – Advisory designee – hold.

This ends the Correspondence.

Ms. Susan Ossoff, Chair of the Finance Committee briefly discussed the State Budget increase
factor for State Aide increase for the Town of Plympton. Ms. Ossoff reported that the Town of
Halifax State Aide Budget remained the same, while the Town of Kingston reflected a decrease.

DATES: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – Selectmen’s Meeting – Dispatch visit to Duxbury Fire
Department.

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting, Monday, August 26, 2013.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2013 with one
addition. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to adjourn Meeting at 9:10 PM Second Mr. Russo. 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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