

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
August 26, 2013

Present: John Henry, Joe Freitas and Mark Russo  
Regular Open Meeting began at 7:00 PM

The 7:00 PM scheduled appointment with Mr. Baker for the rededication of the corner of County Road and Main Street Island was withdrawn by Mr. Baker.

The Selectmen held a brief discussion about changing their meeting time from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM . **VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to not change the time. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.

Mr. Freitas wants to wait to sign the Animal Control Officer contract.

Reported that the Zoning Enforcement Officer Contract for FY 2014 has been resolved and signed by the Board.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to sign the Treasurer's Contract and rectify the term and holiday dates . Second Mr. Russo. 3/0.

Gravel renewal permit operation of hours has been resolved, per Mr. Henry.

Town Coordinator updates: Talent Bank form – volunteer for Boards and Committees (permission to post on town website and send out in general mailings) Mr. Henry and Mr. Freitas accepted form; Mr. Russo will review and report back to Mr. Pleau with any changes.

Proposed 5 year contract with Town of Duxbury for dispatch services.

The Council on Aging van will be ready soon. Coordination of pick-up or delivery not clarified.

Computer upgrades – completed. Unified Networking has mapped the building for Wi-Fi Installation will include entire building.

One bid received for the Temporary EMS Housing Unit. There were 11 requests for the bid specifications. Sole bidder was Pine Group of PA. Bid award was \$49,938.00

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the bid Pine Group of PA of \$49,938.00 For the Temporary EMS Housing Unit. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0.

Mr. Pleau finished his updates with septic and water site tie in will be completed to accommodate the Housing Unit.

The next topic of discussion was the Churchill Park. Ms. Linda Leddy of the Open Space and Conservation Commission, liaison for the Churchill Park project was at the meeting.

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The Board discussed several items in great depth and passion:

- The legal requirements of conservation land and dual law firm invoices from Murtha Cullina, LLP and Kopelman and Paige, P.C.
- Conservation Land restrictions
- Legal dual law firm invoices to Clear Title issues
- CPA legislation – “must have” a third party restriction for a Conservation Land Trust
- Mr. Henry requested a copy of the documentation of the legal requirement of a third party holding a Conservation Restriction (CR) from Mr. Russo
- Clear Title and costs associated with dual law firms of Mr. Henry stated he will not pay both law firms and that Murtha Cullina did not do a standard closing. Ms. Leddy stated that the Town has an obligation to pay the Murtha Cullina invoice and funds can be taken from the Community Preservation funds
- Overseer of Churchill Park, Open Space or Selectmen

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the payment of \$8,577.00 to the law firm of Murtha Cullina, LLP from the Community Preservation Funds. Second Mr. Freitas. 2/0/1.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the payments associated with the Church Hill Park from the Community Preservation Funds. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0/0.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to have the Members of the Board of Selectmen meet, review and decide as a Board, when it becomes necessary to contact Town Counsel on legal matters, as required by all Town Boards and Committees. A second was not made.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Henry to resign as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and asked that Mr. Freitas be appointed as Chairman. Second Mr. Freitas. 2/0/1. Mr. Russo abstained.

Both Mr. Freitas and Mr. Russo asked that Mr. Henry take a moment or time to reconsider his decision.

Mr. Henry rebutted, that he will not and cannot be lectured to.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen position. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0/1. Mr. Russo abstained.

Assistant Assessor, Deb Stuart and Board of Assessor's, Chair, Mr. Nordahl visited the meeting to inform the Selectmen that there was a significant problem with the newly converted town computer system and printer in her office. Ms. Stuart informed the Board that a State representative was coming to her office the following morning to pick up the Town of Plympton property cards. Ms. Stuart reported that her office printer had been deleted and some of the cards were printing in the Town Clerk's office. She also reported that she had submitted three "high importance" (emergency) repair tickets to Unified and received no reply. Her assistant, Ms. Wendy Jones submitted repair tickets as well and received no reply.

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The Board of Selectmen showed grave concern and instructed the Town Coordinator to have the new computer company; Unified Networking Solutions come in for a meeting with the Town Departments to repair any problems with the new system.

**CORRESPONDENCE READ BY CLERK:**

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

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

Thank you note to Mr. Henry from Mr. Rose.

Survey form for the Town Complex Building Study Committee

ESI – Public Safety EAP – “Are you a Workplace Outsider”? Copied all Departments.

Mass Department of Public Safety – Building Code Enforcement Official Certification for Building Commissioner, Thomas Millias.

Old Colony Planning Council Agenda for Meeting August 28, 2013

Old Colony Planning Council Minutes of the June 26, 2013 Meeting.

Dam Safety Workshop – September 10, 2013 to Highway Surveyor.

Town of Kingston – announces new Town Administrator, Mr. Robert H. Fennessy, Jr.

***This ends the Correspondence.***

8:45 PM Mr. Henry dismissed himself from the meeting.

Mr. Freitas reported to “hold Meeting Executives Session Meeting Minutes of July 15 and August 13, 2013 and the Regular Open Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2013.

Closing comments from Mr. Freitas was that “we witnessed the human factor tonight.”

Closing comments from Mr. Russo was that the “wellbeing of the Town is at heart.”

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Freitas to adjourn the Meeting at 8:55 PM. Second Mr. Freitas. 2/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance,  
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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