

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
November 18, 2013

Present: Joe Freitas, John Henry and Mark Russo

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM with Fire Chief Borsari.

The Regular Open Meeting began 7:00 PM.

Ms. Cathy Drinan, a Town resident, and Town Health Agent visited to the Board to ask for an appointment as the Water District Commissioner Representative for Plympton. Ms. Drinan gave some background information and a handout to the Board, as follows:

Monponsett Ponds serve as Tributaries to the Surface Water Supply of Silver Lake, for supplemental water to the City of Brockton. This arrangement was allowed by emergency legislature in 1964. That legislative act required a *water district with a commissioner* from seven towns, including Plympton. The commission has been defunct for many years but recently revived in order to address the numerous water management issues and environmental consequences of its current management. Under Chap. 371. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL PLYMOUTH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO EXTEND ITS SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY. Be it enacted, etc., as follows: SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Central Plymouth County Water District, hereinafter called the district, consisting of the city of Brockton and the towns of East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plympton and Whitman.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to appoint Ms. Cathy Drinan as the Central Plymouth County Water District Commissioner Representative for Plympton - Term – Indefinitely.
Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Mr. Freitas reported he visited the Upland Sportsman's Club for the annual inspection and necessary requirements for the Liquor License Renewal for 2014 and was satisfied with inspection. He also reported that the License address for the Club stated "67 Upland Road," the address is "76 Upland Road, which will be rectified on the License going forward.

Mr. Henry reported he visited both the Plympton Mobil Convenience Store and Plympton Convenience and Liquor and was satisfied with inspection.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to approve all three Liquor License Renewals.
Second Mr. Russo. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the Target and Trap Shooting permit to the Upland Sportsman's Club. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Mr. Ken Thompson visited the meeting and wanted on record, that he hosts the "Plympton Plunkers," on Saturday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and has notified Plympton Police Officer Teri of same.

REPORTS: Mr. Henry responded to a recent complaint filed with the Town Clerk from Ms. Karen Foye regarding the Informational Meeting – Triennial Certification process, on Tuesday,

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October 29, 2013 posted by the Board of Assessors: According to the Open Meeting protocol, the Board of Assessors had not received a request to record their meeting. Rather than cancel the meeting, it was decided it was more important to conduct the meeting and not to film it.

Mr. Henry brought to light a recent development of a Facebook page/website sponsored by Ms. Foye, titled "Plympton helping Plympton." Mr. Henry has received two phone calls from Town residents; one being a Town Official, claiming that they have been the target of derogatory statements and deformation of character claims on the site. Mr. Henry expressed great concern and cautioned residents of the site, that it may be more harmful to the Town than helpful. *(For more information on Town Open Meeting laws and quorums of Boards/Committee members replying on such sites, please contact the Town Clerks office.)*

Filming of the Finance Committee budget meetings were discussed. There was concern that the Selectmen Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting could not be filmed on the same night. Ms. Ossoff stated that the small room the Finance Committee meets in is not conducive to filming. The general consensus was to film the Selectmen Meeting as a priority and secondary, filming of the Finance Committee budget meetings. The Comcast contract, ending December 2013 was discussed briefly. Mr. Freitas stated he has been communicating with Comcast and will report back to the Board. Mr. Traynor was present at the meeting and asked what mechanism for recording is in place once Comcast has ended the recordings of Town meetings.

There was much discussion between the Board and Ms. Ossoff regarding the miscommunication on the importance of the tax rate issues that the Town faced. Mr. Henry wanted on record the email exchanges between Ms. Ossoff and himself in August/September of 2013. Mr. Traynor spoke and asked that the discussions cease and everyone move forward and plan for the upcoming budget at Town Meeting in 2014.

Update on Churchill project: Ms. Leddy, Conservation Commission reported the a draft of the Conservation Restriction (CR) was sent to Ms. Marsh at Kopelman and Paige and there were four of five technical questions. The process will be six to eight months; once the CR is completed it will be sent to the Wildlands Trust for their comments, then sent to the State. There is no sense of urgency at this time.

Mr. Frietas reported that the Fire Department, Paramedic living quarters; pre-fab modular unit has been delivered and located to the right of the Fire Station. The plan being four to five years and then sell it. The generator service will be wired to the Fire Department building. Septic will be tied in soon.

Mr. Henry reported that he has been communicating with a representative at the State legal department. The representative stated that the State cannot grant "a blanket tax abatement," for the Town. If a tax bill is more than 10% increase, the abatement would be reviewed on a case by case basis and would be filed with the Town Assessor's Office. As of November 07, 2013 the Assessor's Office received 52 abatement requests. If the State guidelines are met, the Assessor's office would then file abatement review with the State Commissioners office. The Commissioners office would hold a hearing process.

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OLD BUSINESS: Land donation from Mr. Curtis Shaw. Mr. Russo read the email from Attorney, Ann Sobolweski (pro bono) detailing risks versus acceptance of donated land. Mr. Freitas thanked Ms. Sobolweski for her work and asked that the detailed facts in the email be saved by the Selectmen's Secretary for future use. (A folder will be set-up "Land donations" and kept in the Selectmen's Office.) Mr. Henry reported that he is researching the land records of the Sampson Fresh Meadow heritage line dating back to 1896. He asked that the Board wait another week. Mr. Henry plans to visit the Registry of Deeds to obtain more facts on the location of the land. The Board agreed to wait and notify Mr. Curtis Sampson of the research time frame and acceptance of donation will need to be voted on at Town Meeting in May 2014.

TOWN COORDINATOR UPDATES:

- Fire Department Tank Truck has been delivered.
- Green Communities application is completed and sent to State.
- Draft application for \$150,000 grant in progress.
- Create a new Town By-law addressing governance of large groups. (Also supported by Police Chief Dillon.) Also include Planning Board in process.

Some discussion ensued regarding funding \$600,000 for FY2015 Town accounts; Borrow monies needed if necessary in FY2015. Also, discussed:

- a quarterly mailing for tax bills for better cash flow to Town
- mail two tax bill coupons in two separate mailings = a ¼ mailing

CORRESPONDENCE READ BY CLERK:

Filed in Selectmen Assistant's office unless noted otherwise:

Plympton Police Association, M.C.O.P. Local #276 request for Executive Session Meeting to begin contract negotiation discussion. Date Set for Monday, December 09, 2013 at 6:00 PM Police Department, Police Chief Dillon – request to conditionally appoint Officer Brain Cranshaw to position of Police Sergeant, effective January 01, 2014.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to appoint conditionally a second Police Sergeant, Brian Cranshaw, effective January 01, 2014. Second Mr. Russo. 2/0 Mr. Freitas abstained.

Email from recapdata@dor.state.ma.us Re: Excess and Deficiency – Silver Lake General Fund \$760,715.00 Excess amount equals \$ 0.

Commonwealth of Mass DEP – Town of Middleborough Brook St – Public comments – Major Modification of solid waste site assignment.

Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) Fund availability for Bicycle Rack Reimbursement: Copied Recreation Commission and Dennett Elementary.

Comcast Business – free account review.

MEGA Safety Risk Reminder "Portable Heaters." Copied essential personnel.

MEGA Staff changes and contact information.

OC Joint Transportation – Agenda November 14, & Minutes of September 12, 2013.

Plymouth County Commissioners – Gasoline Bids – 87 Octane and Diesel.

Email from Fire Chief Borsari – appointing Robert Law and Brad Cronin to Lieutenants.

XFINITY – Municipal Emergency Reporting Procedure: Copied essential personnel.

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Mr. Coletti – request to be appointed constable. (Not a town resident – Elected position.)
Kopelman and Paige – Green Communities application compliance.
Plymouth County Extension 4-H Youth Development Program – Annual Report.
Community Preservation Association update: 52.23% match on round one this year.
This ends correspondence.

DATES: None to report.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept the Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013
Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to accept the Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2013
Second Mr. Russo. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to adjourn meeting at 9:20 PM. Second Mr. Russo. 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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