

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
October 07, 2013

Present: John Henry and Mark Russo

Absent: Joe Freitas Regular Open Meeting began at 6:40 PM

The Meeting began with the review of correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE READ BY CLERK:

Filed in Selectmen Assistant's office unless noted otherwise:

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

MLBCPA, LLP – Town Auditor – Financial statements evaluation of for year ending June 20, 2012, requesting Chairman Freitas signature. (Hold for next meeting.)

Plymouth County Retirement Association – request for employee Contracts – forwarded to Town Accountant and Treasurer to respond to request.

MassDOT – Highway Division – National Bridge Inspect Standards (NBIS) Underwater Bridge – Route 58 Main St. / Winnetuxet River – Send to MIIA per Board. Original Report to Highway Surveyor.

United Nations Association – Recognize October 24, 2013 as UN day. (carry)

Commonwealth of Mass Department of Telecommunications & Cable – Request for written Report to Competition Division by October 16, 2013. (carry)

Plymouth County Commissioners Fuel Oil Bid. (Board not participating)

Dispatch Letter protocol. Discuss at Executive Session next week.

Silver Lake Regional School District – request for request for representative. Mr. Henry will contact Selectwoman, Ms. Kim Roy and confirm her acceptance next week.

This ends the correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reschedule the Parsonage Road meeting visit to Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm. (Meeting was not posted for October 07, 2013.)

REPORTS:

The Board requested the Town Coordinator explore obtaining Insurance Athletic Coverage for the Town and get the deductible figure for insurance quote for vandalism and theft on the Basketball court.

The Board requested the Town Coordinator to construct a draft letter to the Tractor Supply Company regarding hours of operation and violation fines of \$300.00 per day.

7:00 PM The Board began their Regular Open Meeting early to accommodate Finance Committee Members: Chair, Susan Ossoff, Lisa Hart, Max West, and Marilyn Browne, and the viewing audience. Selectman Henry gave a condensed version of hours and days of research with the Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, and Assistant Assessor regarding the Real Estate Tax bill mailing and Town budget overages of \$251,511.31 The Town spending exceeded the State Levy Limit. Mr. Henry gave the Finance Committee a four page handout reflecting cash flow chart and change in Stabilization Account figures. He also reported to the Finance Committee on the Emergency Board of Selectmen Meeting on Wednesday, October 02, 2013 at 1:30 PM.

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At the Emergency meeting, three options to a solution were discussed:

1. Send out an estimated tax bill, (Not possible by State)
2. Hold a Special Town Meeting, as soon as possible
3. Take monies from the Stabilization Account

There were a few comments from Finance Committee Members. Mr. Henry stated that the State will not allow the Town to borrow tax revenue. If the Treasurer applied for a loan and it was not granted, the Town bond rating would be affected. The Board voted at their Emergency Meeting to choose option three, subject to consultation with the Finance Committee.

In closing, it was determined there were many moving parts that created this unusual event:

- Sysco income – based on new growth – a onetime factor
- Taxes were based on **COST** estimate in January, February and March
- State (DOR) wants taxes to be based on actual **MARKET VALUE**, a huge difference
- Control for inventory orders – discussed a Procurement Officer, with Boards approval on future orders
- At Town Meeting – do not spend up to Levy Limit
- Most Towns hold a Fall Meeting to avoid this pitfall
- Good news – little harm to Stabilization fund - less than \$66,000.00
- Town Computer vendor switch, new server, Assessors computer conversion, all happening simultaneously. The Finance Committee exited the meeting.

TOWN COORDINATOR UPDATES:

- Green Communities reports are on schedule. Fuel reports are in. Mr. Seth Pickering will visit Thursday, October 10, 2013 Will obtain “routine” letter from Town Counsel.
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Town House restroom compliance - ADA (Americans with Disabilities) came in under \$25,000.00 voted at Town Meeting last year. The restrooms will be closed for ten days. Discussion to use former nurse’s office rest room and rest room upstairs.
- A representative from Tilson cell towers approached Town for 75’ cell tower in center of Town. Estimated cost to Town \$12,000.00 A ten to 20 year contract with any revenues going to Town. The location of a cell tower will raise coordination concerns with the Mass Historical District guidelines and will have to meet Town Zoning requirements.
- Requested Board’s directive to pursue or decline a cell tower project.

Mr. Henry reported that NSTAR is testing the solar panels off Brook Street.

Mr. Ken Thompson, Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary reported that a Cranberry Knoll affordable unit is up for sale. He will submit a letter to the Board on behalf of the ZBA offering right-of-first refusal to the Town. The South Shore Housing guidelines will be followed. If there are no qualified buyers, the unit will be open to the public market.

Minutes will be reviewed at a later date.

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DATES:

Monday, Columbus Day, October 14, 2013 – Town Offices closed.

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2:00 PM – Parsonage Road
And Executive Session at 6:30 PM Regular Open Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM Boards/Committees Meeting.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 7:50PM. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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