

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
September 16, 2013

Present: Joe Freitas, John Henry and Mark Russo
The Board met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM for purposes of discussion
Regional Duxbury Dispatch.
Regular Open Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Chairman Freitas opened the Meeting by sharing the Executive Session discussion.
Police Chief Dillon presented the contract for Dispatch with the Town of Duxbury.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept and sign the contract with the Town of Duxbury for all Police, Fire, and Emergency Dispatch. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.

Mr. Freitas also stated that this a five year contract with no cost to the Town of Plympton.
Police Chief Dillon thanked the Board as stated he will get copies of the signed contract to all appropriate parties.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:30 PM the Chair of the Recreation Commission, Mr. Karparis postponed his appointment due to scheduling conflicts of Mr. Kaupp (new nominee).

Mr. Henry gave an in depth report of an article in the Sunday Boston Globe newspaper regarding the "formula" increase from the Commonwealth. Mr. Henry took a very complicated and complex description that the State uses to determine Plympton's share of the payments. There are three components: Minimum/Required contributions, State Aide, and Transportation. There was a State increase change in January to July in the budget. The State used only the first component, Minimum/Required contribution to determine the increase to Plympton. The other two components, State Aide and Transportation were not part of the equation at that time. Mr. Henry reported that Plympton paid in extra charges for years. Mr. Henry had several conversations with Mr. Tuffy, Silver Lake Regional School, superintendent. The Board decided to not send the requested letter. It was noted that Plympton pays more per student than the Towns of Kingston and Halifax. Mr. Henry suggested that a meeting with State Representative, Calter, Department of Education, and the Department of Revenue take place to rectify the complex "formula." Mr. Russo reported that he attended the School Committee meeting and there was a letter that the Towns of Halifax and Kingston were sending and should Plympton endorse and send the letter to State Legislators. It was decided that Mr. Freitas will contact Representative Calter and wait on sending out the letter.

ACTION ITEMS:

The Board stated that the hours of operation be listed on gravel renewal permits.

Mr. Russo reported he will review the Town Counsel request form and edit for improvements and review later with Board.

Mr. Russo read an email from Mr. Thompson of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The email was a Feedback in the form of a question and response that was made to Town Counsel on the

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following: Cranberry Knoll, Burnet Appeal, and Re-appointment of ZBA Member. Mr. Russo commented on that the format of question/response was great.

UPDATES: Mr. Pleau reported that the Chair of Council on Aging will keep a service log in the new 7 passenger Toyota Sienna and set-up a credit-card fuel account.

Mr. Freitas wanted to know who will hold the key to the vehicle. When it snows, the vehicle will have to be moved for plowing the parking lot. Mr. Pleau will report back with more information.

An RFP – ADA compliance bid next month.

ASG Security Alarm system will visit Town House, Tuesday for a service call. (Fire Alarm Zone two.)

Mr. Freitas reported that on September 01, 2013 NSTAR service start-up date at the Norrie/Brook Street Solar panels did not work.

Mr. Russo reported that he met with the Representative, My-Ron Hatchett, V.P. of Operations from Reinhardt Associates, Architect for the Town Buildings Complex Study. Mr. Russo stated the meeting went very well and Mr. Hatchett has a good feel for the rural nature of the Town.

CORRESPONDENCE READ BY CLERK:

Filed in Selectmen Assistant's office unless noted otherwise:

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

Resignation email from Mr. Christian Lawrence, of the Open Space Committee.

(Term expiration date was June 30, 2015) Copied Town Clerk.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to accept Mr. Lawrence's resignation from the Open Space Committee. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.

Commonwealth of Mass – Standard Contract Form for Plympton Historical Commission (J. Wilhelmsen) Mr. Freitas signed. Copy for files.

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC") May 28, 2013 new tax procedure to Streamline the retail license approval process – COGS. File in ABCC folder for list.

Mass DOT – Bikes Moving Together – October 23, 2013. Mass.gov/baystateroads.

Mr. Kirkland complaint – September 10, 2013 to Zoning Officer.

Plymouth County Development Council Annual Meeting October, 25, 2013.

Old Colony Planning Council – EEA #15098: Raynham Park Casino.

Department of Environmental Protection – (fax) Middleborough Landfill/SAM Robert Johnson from Board of Health.

Board of Assessors – Local Postal Customer Exemption procedure.

This ends the Correspondence.

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8:00 PM Classification Hearing – Board of Assessors. Assistant Assessor, Ms. Deb Stuart presented the Board of Assessors recommendations for the Board's consideration.

1. **VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve a Residential Factor of 1.(All classes of property will be taxed at the same rate. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.
2. **VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo that the town does not classify Open Space, therefore the Town will not approve the discount rate. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.
3. **VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo not to adopt a residential exception adoption. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.
4. **VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Russo not to adopt a small commercial exemption adoption. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.

Mr. Freitas thanked the Board of Assessors for sending out the "Local Postal Customer," reminder for Tax exemption criteria to Town residents. Mr. Nordahl reported that a Veteran called the Assessor's office and was very glad to know of the exemption.

DATES: October 15, 2013 deadline to file for Community Preservation Funds application. Wednesday, October 23, 2013 Meeting of Boards and Committees. Mr. Freitas stated that Town Employees do not have to be present.

Mr. Henry asked if the Draft Conservation Restriction was sent to Town Counsel for their review.

Mr. Henry brought to the Boards attention that there was a newspaper article in the Boston Globe regarding the Plymouth County Retirement Board Pension increase. Plympton's increase will be 43% higher than last year's.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 09, 2013. Second Mr. Freitas. 2/0/1

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 8:30PM. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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