

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
September 23, 2013

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

Mr. Doyle withdrew his 7:00 PM appointment with the Board.

Mr. Russo reported that the Open Space Committee representative, Ms. Leddy is away. Mr. Russo wanted confirmation from Board to send the draft Conservation Restriction, CR to Town Counsel, Ms. Marsh.

Mr. Henry stated he is not comfortable with the request. There are two items that need to be clarified:

- Anytime the Town wants to do something at the Churchill Park, they will have to go to the Wildland's Trust for their permission.
- Maintenance: If a bridge or parking lot is installed and not maintained, the liability becomes the Town's.

Mr. Freitas commented that he understood the maintenance was to be the responsibility of the Open Space, Conservation Commission, and "volunteers." This will be revisited next week.

Mr. Freitas reported he made a phone call to Representative Calter requesting he contact Mr. Henry to discuss the increase to Plympton in the Silver Lake Regional School District budget.

Mr. Freitas and Mr. Henry commented that they would like to invite the Finance Committee to their meeting to discuss the "assured Level Funding" at Town Meeting in 2013.

Mr. Freitas made a personal plea in an on camera invitation to Town Boards and Committees for a Departmental Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Russo followed up the invitation, requesting an Agenda be set for the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:30 PM the Chair of the Recreation Commission, Mr. Karparis and Mr. Kevin Kaupp of Thomas Blanchard Drive requested an appointment to the Recreation Commission.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to appoint Mr. Kevin Kaupp to the Recreation Commission until June 30, 2016. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.

Mr. Karparis made a request to the Board for the installation of a light on the existing pole to illuminate the basketball court and hoops on Parsonage Road. Mr. Freitas will look into the owner of the Pole – NSTAR, cost, etc. and report back to Mr. Karparis. Mr. Karparis reported that there was some vandalism to the court over the weekend. It was reported to the Police Department. There was some discussion about the court being a public attraction for basketball players during night hours. Karparis stated a sign could be put up posting hours of operation – closing at dusk. Mr. Karparis will submit a list of assets and submit to the Selectmen's office. More to follow.

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Mr. Freitas took the meeting opportunity to inform Mr. Karparis that Town House parking lot may be a problem for the Monday night baseball games due to a new trailer for the Fire Department. Mr. Karparis suggested that Plymouth Athletic Youth Sports (PAYS) Co-Chair, Dean Sylvester of Upland Road be notified. Mr. Freitas stated his will contact Mr. Sylvester of same. Mr. Russo thanked Mr. Karparis for the basketball court and said it was nicely done. There was some discussion about a 20' clearing of brush from Parsonage Road to Route 58.

Mr. Karparis also asked for permission to put in the winter skating rink at the field again this year. The Board said to go forward, this year with the rink. Next year's decision may differ.

UPDATES: Mr. Pleau reported on the keys for the Council on Aging vehicle: A key will be kept at the Fire Station, on vehicle driver, and a key in the building.

Mr. Henry asked for an update on the Energy Audit with the State. Mr. Pleau reported a dead line of October 30, 2013 per Seth Pickering, to be considered a "Green Community." Mr. Pleau is sure the deadline will not be a problem.

CORRESPONDENCE READ BY CLERK:

Filed in Selectmen Assistant's office unless noted otherwise:

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

Commonwealth of Mass - Plymouth County Commissioners – Tax FY14 assessed for Plympton Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars. (\$7,945.00) Copied Treasurer.

Mr. Henry mentioned an article in the Boston Globe – Pension system will be lower that it was reported. It will be Fifty to Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Application for Use of Town Property - Former Selectmen's Meeting Room for Plympton Girl Scout Troop #80210 meetings, beginning on Friday, October 04, 2013 and every other Friday, thereafter from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the Application for Use of Town Property - Former Selectmen's Meeting Room for Plympton Girl Scout Troop #80210 meetings, beginning on Friday, October 04, 2013 and every other Friday, thereafter from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Second Mr. Henry. 3/0.

(Mr. Freitas stated the Boy/Girls Scouts of America will have insurance coverage.)

Commonwealth of Mass Department of Agricultural Resources – MDAR

Emergency Response as it relates to Animal Meeting – Meeting Dates

Copied: Mr. Bush, Animal Control Officer.

Comm. of Mass Department of Public Utilities 12-126-A & 12-126-H Public Hearings and Request for Comments.

Plympton Board of Health Public Health Notice – High Risk for mosquito-borne illness, including Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE.) for additional information contact Board of Health office or go to: mass.gov/dph/wnv

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Old Colony Planning Council – Agenda September 25, 2013.

Comcast – provides high-speed Internet Service to Plympton Schools and Library

Copied: Dennett and Library Director.

Mass Municipal Association Fall Conference for Selectmen, October 05, 2013 in Franklin.

Mr. Russo reported he will attend.

*Email to Mr. Freitas from Michael Conway – Utility Electrical Engineer – Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. Solar Power units at Brook Street, Mr. Norrie, NSTAR start-up date October 18, 2013 “commercial operation,” date.

This ends the Correspondence.

ACTION ITEMS:

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

The Board approved the gravel renewal permits for Mr. LaFleur with an expiration date of October 29, 2014 and for The Hayward Company, LLC., until October 27, 2014.

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

Mr. Henry reported that the Plympton the Silver Lake Regional School District credits for solar energy will come from the Town of Dartmouth.

There was discussion regarding the Zoning Board of Appeal Member’s position as “Alternate” to Chairman and the reply from Town Counsel, possibly, needing more clarification. Mr. Freitas asked to see the question and answers that were written by Mr. Thompson; be brought into next meeting.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2013, with one correction. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Russo to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2013. Second Mr. Henry. 3/0

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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