



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2016
6:00 pm

Plympton Town House
New Meeting Room

Present: Selectmen; Mark Russo, Colleen Thompson, & Christine Joy
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
Mr. Russo opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Personnel Policy Handbook:

- Introduction

Vote: Mr. Russo voted to accept the Introduction for the Personnel Policy Handbook as amended. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

- Mr. Pleau will merge all adopted policies for the Personnel Policy Handbook into one document for Town Counsel review.

Proposed Marijuana Grow Facility Follow-up:

- Mr. Russo opened discussion confirming the flyer sent via mail was not sent by the Board of Selectmen's office. The document was sent by an unknown.
- Speakers present were Maureen Doyle, Dan Doyle, Sharon Housley, Chris Housley, DawnMarie Hastings, and Harry Weikel. Residents spoke of the Right to Farm By-Law, zoning, property value, safety, water, electricity, revenue, and concerns of the BOS next step. All emails and calls are being reviewed. Sharon Housley invited the BOS, police, and member of the media to their home to see the property and to see why they have concerns of safety.

Mr. Russo made a proposal to visit the location along with other BOS and to continue to collect information. This will be added to the BOS agenda 02/22/16 for 6:45 pm.

Fire Truck Repairs:

- Estimate for repairs came in under budget and repairs will be completed.

Snow Removal on Town Properties:

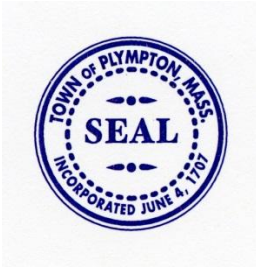
- Library, Historical Society, Police Station & Town House. Discuss the increase of the FY2017 Budget for snow removal for the Highway Department. Mr. Russo has volunteered to shovel the Library & Town House walk-ways and Ms. Thompson has volunteered to shovel the walk-way of the Historical Society for the remainder of the winter season.

Town House Car Maintenance:

- Repair costs will be maintained by the Fire Department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Follow up at next BOS meeting 02/08/16 for the maintenance costs to be budgeted by all departments using the vehicle for the FY2017.

BOS FY2017 Budget Request:

- Mr. Pleau has completed and submitted a Level Funded Budget to the committee.
- Fixed cost for Town Counsel will remain level funded.



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SLRSD Land Sale Warrant Article:

- Will review the sample article that was submitted and discuss after Kingston holds their Special Town Meeting.

Request to speak with Town Counsel:

- CPC Article.

Mr. Russo made a motion to speak with Town Counsel regarding the CPC Article. Second, Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

- Town Administrator Position and creating a job description.

Mr. Russo made a motion to speak with Town Counsel regarding new Town Administrator job description. Second, Mrs. Joy, 3/0.

Area 58 Community Access:

- Discussed what meeting room will be hardwired with video cameras and sound equipment. The BOS believe the large meeting room may be the better choice. Discussed getting the cost to have small meeting room hardwired with cameras.

Board Goals & Priorities:

- Task sheet update
- IT Grant possibilities

Solar Projects:

- No change

Town Coordinator:

- Burial Agent Contract missed signing from last June 2015.
- Transfer Station Contract missed signing from last June 2015

Correspondence:

- Legislative Breakfast 02/26/16.
- BOS Town Report.
- Halifax/Plympton Express Newspaper.
- Open Space survey plan.
- Consultant Review Committee appointments
 - Robert Karling
 - Harry Weikel
 - Robert Jacobson

Mr. Russo made motion to approve the Consultant Review Committee appointments until dissolved. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

- TRIAD
- Best Buddies Challenge Road Race 6/4/16



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Mr. Russo made motion to approve Best Buddies Challenge pending approval by other permitting boards/committees. Second, Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

- Xfinity
- Girl Scouts request to use town property

Mr. Russo made motion to approve Girl Scouts request. Second, Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

- Plympton/Halifax Express

Dates to Remember:

- BOS meetings 2/8/16, 2/22/16 & 2/29/16
- Public Safety Meeting 2/3/16 at 6:00 pm
- BOS will not have a meeting 2/15/16 in observance of President's Day
- Veteran's Office will be attending the BOS meeting on 2/8/16 to discuss a committee for the Veteran's Memorial.

Minutes:

- BOS Meeting 01/11/16.

Mr. Russo made motion to accept BOS minutes as amended 01/11/16. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

- Executive Session will be reviewed next BOS 2/8/16 meeting.
- BOS Meeting 01/25/16

Mr. Russo made motion to accept BOS minutes as amended 01/25/16. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

- Public Safety Meetings 01/20/16 & 01/27/2016

Mr. Russo made a motion to accept Public Safety minutes 01/20/16 & 01/27/2016 as presented. Second Ms. Thompson, 2/0. Mrs. Joy abstained.

7:00 pm Dog Complaint Public Hearing:

- Mr. Bush, the Plympton ACO, read the complaint received from Charlie Seelig, Halifax Town Administrator, regarding the dog named "Ace" residing at 203 West Street, Plympton owned by Ed & Melissa Place. The complaint was submitted by Ms. Ruth Mewis and Mr. Michael Wright, the owners of the Winnetuxet Children's Place located at 3 East Street Halifax. The child care center is on the Plympton/Halifax Town Lines and is located across the street of the Place family. The dog may be in violation of the Town of Plympton Zoning and Municipal By-Laws Article XXI, Section 10 (Disturbing the Peace). On several occasions the dog has been on the complainant's property in the parking lot and around the play area of the child center and has frightened some of the children and people dropping off their children. There have been complaints filed in the



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past about the dog for the same offense. Halifax ACO Noreen Callahan was present and read the past and present complaints filed. The Town of Halifax has a leash law and "Ace" has been impounded before. The impound fees were paid and he was released to his owners. The last complaint filed resulted in Mr. Bush filing to have the dog restrained for 14 days and a public hearing to be held. The dog "Ace" is up to date with rabies shot and a dog license was issued by the Town of Plympton.

- Mr. Russo read the Public Hearing four step procedures.
 - Notice
 - Certified mailings sent and received and personal visit to deliver notice of meeting.
 - Open Hearing
 - Outline of documents associated to complaint. Lettered A to H
 - Ground Rules.
 - Testimony and swearing in of all parties making a statement.
 - Collecting Evidence
 - Hear evidence of violation of the dog.
 - Collect evidence in defense of the dog.
 - Deliberating & Deciding
- All parties were sworn in and gave their statements to the BOS. After listening to the testimonies of all parties involved and questions answered a motion was made to close.

Mr. Russo made a motion to close the evidence submitted. Second Mrs. Joy, 3/0.

- After deliberation between the BOS, Mrs. Joy, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Russo, all agree the dog is in violation and find him to be a nuisance and is disturbing the peace. The BOS ordered to have the dog "Ace" kept under control and permanently restrained.

Mr. Russo made a motion that the BOS agree that the dog is in violation of being a nuisance and disturbing the peace. Second Ms. Thompson, 3/0.

Mr. Russo made a motion that the dog be permanently restrained effective immediately. Second Ms. Joy, 3/0.

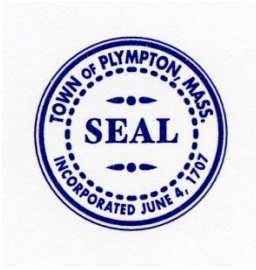
The dog hearing was closed and certified letters will be issued.

Voted to adjourn at 8:10pm: Motion Chairman Russo, Second Ms. Thompson. 3/0

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm

Respectively Submitted,

Briggette D. Martins



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