

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
September 24, 2012

Present: John Henry, Barry DeCristofano, and Joe Freitas
Regular Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Plympton Board of Health Chairman, John Doyle and Ms. Jeri Batchelder, Administrative Assistant submitted a written memo regarding a "Critical Alert for EEE – Reminder." The memo emphasized that all outside activities from dusk to dawn have been banned since August 23, 2012. This will remain in effect until a "hard freeze" (overnight temperatures of less than 28 degrees F.) has taken place in Town. For more information, contact the Board of Health at (781) 585-7000

7:00 PM APPOINTMENTS: Fire Chief Borsari and Mr. Douglas P. Forbes, Jr. of MEMA present the Board with the Local Emergency Planning Committee Certification. Community Emergency Response Team members, Mr. David Smith and Ms. Nancy Curtin, and three Sysco employees were also at the presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Report from Police Chief Dillon and Officer Teri regarding street lights on Crescent Street curve.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to send a copy of the report on street lights on Crescent Street curve to Highway Surveyor. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3/0

Federal Emergency management Agency – Flood Plain property not in flood plain zone, 50 County Road. Copy: Assessors Office and Mr. Karling.

Old Colony Planning Council Agenda – September 26, 2012

Silver Lake Regional School District – Surplus Property. School Bus and van.

Copy Highway Surveyor.

Water and Cranberries Seminar Friday October 19, 2012.

Partial Application for use of Town Property October 17 through 21, 2012.

DATES:

October 12, 2012 Fall Legislative Breakfast meeting 8:00 am to 10:00 am location:

A.D. Makepeace Box Mill Hall, 148 Tihonet Road, Wareham

REPORTS: Mr. Pleau reported on the land auction property that abuts Lite Control. It was assessed at \$11,500.00 and purchased for \$23,000.00 Most of the sale went to legal fees. Lite Control has waited a long time to purchase the land.

Ms. Krance reported on the Woodlands tenth anniversary celebration. Fire Chief Borsari, Police Chief Dillon and officers were present. Retired Executive Director of South Shore Housing, Mr. Steve Dubuque gave an oral history of the building construction and marveled at the determination of two women that made the Woodlands a place for Elderly Housing available in Plympton, Ms. Helen Dahl and Ms. Edwina Wood. Congressman William Keating also made a presentation and citation from the State House to Ms. Lorraine Plumb.

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VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to have Chairman Henry sign the contract for the Community Preservation Committee – Library project. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM to read the prior meeting minutes. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2012. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2012. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2012 with one modification. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 2/0/1 Abstain – Mr. Henry.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to accept the Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2012. Second Mr. Freitas. 2/0/1 Abstain – Mr. DeCristofano.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to accept the Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2012. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0/1 Abstain – Mr. Freitas.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Meeting Minutes of August 04, 2012. Second Mr. Henry. 2/0/1 Abstain – Mr. DeCristofano.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2012. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to accept the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2012. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2012. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 2/0/1 Abstain – Mr. Henry.

Board resumed meeting at 8:00 PM

8:00 PM Classification Hearing was attended by Board of Assessors: Mr. Nordahl, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Mustacaros and Assistant Assessor, Ms. Stuart. Mr. DeCristofano read the Public Hearing Notice from the Enterprise.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to maintain 100% of the full values tax share, indicate a residential factor of “1”. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano not to grant a discount to Open Space. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0

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VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano not to adopt a residential exemption. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano not to adopt a small commercial exemption discount to Open Space. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0

During the hearing, Mr. Burnet stood up and asked why the reminder post cards for Chapter 61A renewals were not sent out in a general mailing to town residents.

Mr. Freitas and Ms. Stuart thought it in the best interest of town residents to forgo the postage savings and mail out reminder cards next year.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to adjourn the classification Hearing meeting at 8:20 PM Second. Mr. Freitas. 3/0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano leave meeting to attend the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0

8:20 PM APPOINTMENT: Town Building Needs Study Committee: Members present, Mr. Brad Prescott, Ms. Susan Ossoff, and Mr. Dale Pleau.

Mr. Henry addressed the Committee by emphasizing the importance of a "basic needs" approach to the research and study of Town buildings. The question of hiring a consultant for a Request for Proposal (RFP) and then pay a second consultant will be very costly to the Town was discussed in length. Mr. Henry explained that the Town Coordinator is capable of writing an RFP. Mr. Freitas gave his understanding that the Town Building Needs Study Committee was going to interview department employees to ask for their needs and foresight for the future needs and working environment. Mr. Freitas reiterated his support in favor of a five board membership on the Town Building Needs Study Committee. Mr. Freitas suggested that a priority list for building needs be done. The Board stated that the Town House life expectancy has been extended to twelve to fifteen years due to the recent grants the town received through the diligent efforts of Mr. Henry and Mr. Pleau for a new heating system and windows at the Town House.

Mr. DeCristofano returned to the meeting at 8:26 PM

Mr. Prescott spoke and stated:

- A three member Board for the Town Building Needs Study Committee was appropriate at this time.
- More Committee members may be added as the task evolves.
- He supports appointment of Jon Wilhelmsen to the Town Building Needs Study Committee to replace the future vacancy seat of Mr. Pleau.
- This discussion is very muddy and he still unanswered questions regarding the RFP study and the Scope Study.

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Mr. Henry stated that Mr. O'Leary, Chairman of the Planning Board and the Town Zoning Officer, Mr. Karling have requested appointment on the Town Building Needs Study Committee. It was also suggested that Town Building Commissioner, Tom Millias be appointed.

Mr. Prescott said he would take this under advisement since this was all new to him.

Mr. DeCristofano addressed the Board of Selectmen and the Town Building Needs Study Committee, stating that he will support the appointment of Jon Wilhelmsen to the Town Building Needs Study Committee. Mr. DeCristofano stated that once a Town Board has been created, that Board be allowed to conduct their own business and not under the Selectmen's micro management style.

Mr. Wilhelmsen stated that he recently completed an RFP on a recent project for the State grant for the Town and there is a lot involved. He stated that he has the skills needed to complete the RFP for Town Building Needs Study and would look forward to the task.

Mr. DeCristofano stated one solution would be to appoint Mr. Wilhelmsen tonight and move to a five member Board at a later date.

Mr. DeCristofano made two motions, one to appoint Mr. Wilhelmsen to the Town Building Needs Study Committee and the other to expand the Town Building Needs Study Committee to five members. Neither motion was seconded.

The meeting ended on the motion by Mr. Henry to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM Second Mr. Freitas. 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Krance, Board of Selectmen, Assistant