Plympton Board of Selectmen - Working Session

10:00 a.m., March 5, 2015 Minutes

Present: John Henry, Colleen Thompson, Mark Russo

Guests: Police Chief Pat Dillon Town Coordinator Dale Pleau

The purpose of this meeting: To continue brainstorming about the public safety building or separate police and fire buildings. To discuss Annual Town Meeting preparations including preparing warrant articles.

<u>VOTE</u>: Mr. Henry made motion to accept the ES meeting minutes from 3/2/15 as amended. Second Mr. Russo.

BOS and Town Coordinator had discussion about BOS Annual Town Report. Dale has drafted report. Ms. Thompson and Mr. Russo will revise and edit Report and send it to BOS assistant, Kristen. Kristen will gather photo submissions for Town Report cover and send to BOS for approval.

Town Coordinator, Dale briefly discussed warrant articles with BOS for Town Meeting. So far he has received articles from the Tax Collector and Fire Department.

Public Safety Building Discussion:

Mr. Russo, speaking as a private citizen had concerns that we haven't decided on a site yet for public safety building. We should budget money in the case we need to purchase a site. He stated he thinks we should have an estimate on budget for both buildings up front.

BOS would like to have site pinned down by May.

BOS brought up the possibility of hiring a project manager to help facilitate the planning/building of new public safety building. Chief Dillon thinks momentum will be lost if we wait on this. He agrees that we need to hire a Project Manager as soon as possible. Mr. Russo likes idea of hiring Project Manager and then have summer to get everything in order. There is also possibility of having Special Town Meeting in fall for Public Safety Building.

Town Coordinator, Dale proposed the idea of building Fire & Police stations at separate times. Biggest need due to liability issues is the new Police Station. We could wait a little on building Fire Station since site has bigger square footage and site has not been picked yet. Mr. Henry stated that this has been talked about before but bonding concerns came up. Thinks best next

step is to go to Capital Planning /Finance committee to ask for money to hire a Project Manager/Consultant. Mr. Russo said it would be good to have an idea of what the Fire Station alone will cost so we don't go over budget if Police Station is built first.

BOS agree next step is for Ms. Thompson and Town Coordinator Dale to meet with the Finance Committee to request to move money from Capital Stabilization to hire a Project Manager/Consultant to oversee preliminary planning (site work, site selection, budgeting, construction, etc.) of Public Safety Building.

Other Business:

- Deb Stuart from the Assessors Department was present and had a brief discussion with BOS about piggy- backing off the Fire Department's smoke detector inspections to gain access to houses for her inspections for the Assessor's Department.
- Town Coordinator will meet with Town Treasurer to talk about refinancing Town's existing debt.
- The next BOS meetings are scheduled for 3/16 & 3/23 at 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 12:10 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Kristen LeVangie

Board of Selectmen, Assistant

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