



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for April 5, 2018

6:30 PM, Small Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock, at 6:30 PM.

Committee Members Present: Dave Alberti, Ted Taranto, Kimberly Russo, Ken Thompson, Ann Sobolewski and Alan Wheelock.

Regrets: Amy Cronin, Jean Cohen, Linda Leddy (did arrive late in meeting)

Guests: Mark Russo

1. Minutes Approval. There were no minutes to approve; previous meeting did not achieve a quorum.

2. Updates on Public Outreach Efforts. Kim reported that she has not yet heard back from the Plympton Historical Society or from CASA. The goal for reaching out to these organizations is to ask them to distribute information about our draft warrant articles to their memberships. Kim will keep trying. The Committee agreed to have Dave reach out to Trish Campbell at the Plympton Garden Club for the same purpose. It is our goal to do as much public outreach as possible prior to Town Meeting, which takes place on Wednesday, May 16th, 2018.

3. Planning for News Releases. As part of the public education and outreach effort, the Committee discussed utilizing the local newspaper – *the Halifax-Plympton Express* – to place news stories aimed at explaining to Plympton residents the intent of the two draft warrant articles that will be under consideration at Town Meeting. It was agreed that Alan Wheelock would take the responsibility for writing these news releases. The Committee also agreed that three news releases will be submitted, with the target dates for publication being April 13th, April 27th, and May 11th. Since Selectman Mark Russo was present, Alan asked Mark if he felt that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) should approve these plans for news releases, given that our committee was created by the BOS. Mark stated that he would bring it up with his fellow selectmen at their next meeting.

4. Planning for Upcoming Public Informational Session. The Committee then discussed its plans for the upcoming public informational session, scheduled to take place at the Plympton Public Library on Saturday morning, April 21st. The goal of this meeting, once again, is to educate residents on the content and purpose of the two draft warrant articles that our committee is submitting to Town Meeting. It was agreed that the materials (including the informational packets prepared for the recent public hearing on our draft warrant articles and held jointly with the Planning Board) we have already created will be used at the Library session. Refreshments will be served and all BLRC are expected to attend.

Next Meetings: Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Alan Wheelock at 7:45 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Alan Wheelock.