



BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES

January 30, 2017
6:00pm

Plympton Town House
New Meeting Room

6:00 Selectman Ms. Thompson called the Open Session to order.

Present: Selectmen Colleen Thompson (CJ), Christine Joy (CJ), & John Traynor (JT), Town Coordinator Dale Pleau (DP) and Selectmen's Assistant Briggette Martins.

Updates & Discussions:

- James Mulcahy, Highway Supervisor received a report from Nitsch Engineering suggesting that the weight limit on the wooden bridge on Winntuxet Road be restricted to lighter vehicles, prohibiting heavy trucks and buses until the bridge supports are repaired.

Vote: CT made motion for Mr. Mulcahy to post signs restricting the weight, and use of the bridge to light vehicles only. Second, JT. 3/0.

- Members of Wage & Personnel, Board of Assessors, Town Accountant, and Treasurer Collector were present to discuss the classification of Assistant Assessor position. The hours of the Assistant Assessor have not been reported to the Treasurer's office since June 30, 2016. The current Assistant Assessor is a retired state employee and is limited to 960 hours per year, per Chapter 32 Section 91 (M.G.L.). The Town is not compliant with the State protocol. Town Counsel David Jenkins was consulted and advised, that in order to be in compliance with State regulations, the position should be changed from a salaried position to an hourly. John Traynor suggests the hours of the Assistant Assessor be submitted weekly to get the town in compliance with the State. A change from salary to hourly will not change the pay rate. Wage & Personnel will reclassify the position.

Vote: CJ made motion that the position of Assistant Assessor be hourly retroactive to January 1, 2017 and that future hours be submitted weekly per Chapter 32 Section 91. Second, CT. 3/0.

Vote: CJ made motion to approve CT time with Town Counsel if Board of Assessor's Chair Ethan Stiles had further questions after he had time to reread Attorney Jenkins advice. Second, JT. 3/0.

- John Traynor is working with Chief Borsari on an alternative pay schedule for Fire EMS.
- Appointments
 - By law Review Committee
 - David Alberti from 1/30/17 until dissolved.
 - Linda Leddy from 1/30/17 until dissolved.

Vote: CT made motion to appoint David Alberti and Linda Leddy to the Bylaw Review Committee from 1/30/17 until dissolved, Second, CJ. 3/0.

Vote: CT made motion to approve minutes from BOS attending the Bylaw Review Committee meeting. Second, CJ. 3/0.



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- Town House security system should be complete in 3 weeks. There was discussion of moving the current system to the library.
- Land Owner of Elm Street cleared the deed and discussions to purchase the land will continue.
- Board of Selectmen received complaint from Jane Schulze of 49 Main Street of a dog attack on Ring Road. Jane Schulze, 49 Main Street, Plympton's dog was attacked by another dog owned by Caitlin Chappell, 89 Ring Road Plympton. Animal Control Officer Frank Bush issued a 14-day restraint on the dog. The dog currently is not licensed and not vaccinated. The BOS request an extension of the restraint until the Public Hearing on 2/13/17 at 7:00.

Vote: CJ made motion for Frank Bush to inform dog owner of restraint extension and to prepare to hold a Public Hearing for February 13, 2017. Second, CT. 3/0.

- Review of BOS Warrants signed
- BOS received a donation letter from a taxpayer for land that abuts Cato's Ridge. John Traynor will forward letter to Open Space Committee.
- A "Meet with a Selectman by Appointment" notice will be added to the homepage on the Town Website.

Personnel:

- Town House Part-Time Custodian deadline for applications is 2/10/2017.
- Board of Health Administrative Position posted and applications being accepted.

Silver Lake Land Sale Update:

- The BOS has had no response from the letter written to the Governor Baker's office. The SLRSD is meeting on 3/9/17. BOS have requested BOS Assistant to invite Senator Brady, Halifax BOS and members of SLRS Committee to the 2/13/17 BOS meeting.

Town Administrator:

- FinCom members, Susan Ossoff and Nathaniel Side were present to discuss the Town Administrator's job description, hours, salary, etc. The DOR Advisory Committee will meet on 2/15/17 to review and refine details and follow up with Collins Center.

Town Coordinator:

- Determination pending on the quantity of emails the server can hold.
- Tech Grants will open on 3/1/17 and close on 04/01/2017.
- Update to declare and advertise the old Crown Victoria vehicle, used by the Board of Assessors Office and Fire department, a surplus vehicle due to the costs to repair.

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- Discussion to release funds to Collins Center. Dale will follow-up with the State.

Correspondence:

- Town Clerk, Tara Shaw presented the approved 2017 Town Meeting Calendar
- Corporate Environmental Advisors sent notice of Permanent Solution with no Conditions Statement for CES Project #2819-96 Plympton Service Station 272 Main Street Plympton.
- Treasurer/Collector memo regarding the envelopes that were sent with the Excise Tax Bills. The return envelopes have the incorrect return address printed on them by the Deputy Collector. Treasurer/Collector is requesting taxpayers to please hand deliver payments to the office or provide their own envelope. The error is from the sub-contractor used not the Treasurer/Collectors office.
- Plympton Police Association request for Executive Session
- Email complaint of trash along roadways in town. BOS read the complaint and encourage residents to help with cleanup in town. The Garden Club has not set a date for Town Clean-Up Day.
- 2/7/17 Public Hearing Notice from Stantec Consulting to abutters of public ways affected by the regarding Plympton Highway Department Safety Project.
- Plympton/Halifax Express 01/27/17

Dates to Remember:

- Town House closed 2/20/17 for President's Day.
- Executive Session 2/6/17 start time 5:30
- BOS Meetings 2/6/17 start time 6:30, 2/13/17 start time 6:00 & 2/27/17 start time 6:00
- BOS PUBLIC DOG HEARING 2/13/17 Start 7:00
- Collins Group, DOR Advisory & FinCom 2/15/17 start 5:30
- Public Building Safety Committee 2/8/17

Minutes:

- Executive Session

Vote: CT made motion to accept BOS ES minutes as written. Second CJ. 3/0.

- BOS 01/23/17

Vote: CT made motion to accept BOS minutes as amended. Second, CJ. 3/0.

Voted to adjourn at 8:30 pm: Motion made by Colleen Thompson. Second, John Traynor, 3/0

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Brigette D. Martins



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