



BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES

November 19, 2018
5:30pm

Plympton Town House
New Meeting Room

5:30 Selectman Chair John Traynor called the Open Session to order.

Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS), Christine Joy (CJ), John Traynor, Mark Russo (MR). Town Administrator (TA), Elizabeth Dennehy. Selectmen's Assistant, Briggette Martins.

Updates & Discussions:

- The BOS welcomed and Appointed Stephen Silva as the new Fire Chief for Plympton until 11/19/2021.

Vote JT made motion to appoint Stephen Silva as Plympton Fire Chief until 11/19/2021. Seconded CJ, 3/0.

5:45 Dog Hearing

- MR read the Public Hearing procedures.
 - Notice
 - Certified mailings sent and received.
 - Open Hearing
 - Outline of documents associated to complaint.
 - 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 to testify and give their statements to the BOS.
 - Sworn in to testify were:
 - Mr. & Mrs. Quindley, complainant
 - Griffin Webb, Plympton Animal Control Officer

Animal Control Officer Griffin Webb read his investigation report and findings. Mr. Webb gave the BOS his recommendations for the dog Mandy. Mr. & Mrs. Quindley were present for the hearing. Mr. Quindley spoke to the BOS of his concerns. Mr. Gazzola was not in attendance for the hearing.

- After listening to the testimonies of all parties involved and questions answered a motion was made to close the evidentiary portion of the hearing.

MR made a motion to close the evidentiary portion of the hearing. Second Mrs. Joy, 3/0.

- After Deliberation the BOS 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 "Mandy" kept under direct control and supervision of the owner, be leashed or muzzled at all times when outside.



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MR made a motion that the BOS agree that the dog is in violation of being a nuisance and disturbing the peace and will draft a letter to Mr. Gazzola with the findings and orders. Second CJ, 3/0.

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

- Highway Superintendent Scott Ripley reported his findings to the BOS that outline speed limits are allowed for business and thickly settled areas.

Correspondence:

- Planning Board Recommendation Appointment – Ann M. Sobolewski

MR made motion to appoint Ann M. Sobolewski to the Planning Board until 5/18/19.

Seconded, CJ, 3/0.

- Thank you letter from Middleborough Fire Chief Lance Benjamino
- Fire Department invite to BOS to help serve Thanksgiving Dinner to residents of The Woodlands
- KP Law legal notice - Beliveau
- Plympton Halifax Express 11/9/18 & 11/16/18.

Town Administrator Update:

- Liz will draft a letter to KPLaw to request an update for all pending litigation and the status, and to invite Amy Kwesell to discuss the Marijuana Moratorium.
- The new server is ready and she will be meeting with the IT specialist.
- Updated the BOS on the building improvements being done through the Green Communities Grant.

6:30 Tax Classification:

Board of Assessors Tax Classification

- CJ made motion to open the hearing. Seconded JT, 3/0. MR read the advertisement of the notice published in the Plympton-Halifax Express. Ethan Stiles, Joselyn Anderson and Dick Nordahl were present to represent the Board of Assessors.
- Residential Factor to remain at One (1). This will result in no change.

Vote: JT made motion to leave the Residential Factor at 1 as recommended by Assistant Assessor Wendy Jones. Seconded CJ, 3/0.

Vote: CJ made motion to close the Classification Hearing. Seconded MR, 3/0.

Goals:

- Discussion to hire a Grant Writer
- Discussed adopting a policy for the disposition of Town Owned Land

Dates to Remember:

- BOS Open Meeting 12/3/18 & 12/17/18.
- 11/22/18 the Town House Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Day

Selectmen Rants & Raves



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***Selectmen Vote to Adjourn at 6:52 pm: Motion made by JT. Second, CJ, 3/0.
Meeting Adjourned 6:52***

Respectfully Submitted by Briggette D. Martins, Board of Selectmen Assistant