

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

August 14, 2017

Plympton Town House

Large Meeting Room

6:00 PM Selectman chair Christine Joy called the open session to order

- Present: Board of Selectmen (BOS) members-Christine Joy (CJ), John Traynor (JT), and Mark Russo (MR)

Appointments

- 6 PM: BOS met with Board of Assessors member Ethan Stiles to follow up on the Board of Assessors selection process used to hire attorney to represent the Town in upcoming Sysco court appeal of real estate tax abatement decision. Mr. Stiles reported 2 candidates were considered and Attorney Ellen Hutchinson was chosen based on experience demonstrated in resume. Since BOS approves appropriations and due to seriousness of situation, BOS requested opportunity to meet Attorney Hutchinson. This might include Executive Session to discuss legal strategy. Mr. Stiles will inform Board of Assessors to arrange.

Updates and Discussions

- **Wolf Rock Farm follow-up:** Board of Health member Art Morin reported that a horse show event is being advertised for September 24. BOS noted it is waiting to hear back from Attorney Rich Bowen with recommendations to update small events permitting procedure.
- **Hazardous Waste Day at the Transfer Station** Board of Health member Art Morin reported the event was a great success and within budget.
- **Permit Application Process and Requirement update:** MR reported still awaiting opinions of Attorney Rich Bowen concerning small events.
- **Community Paradigm executive search for Town Administrator follow-up:** JT reported that Bernie Lynch's meetings with Town employees and volunteers are done and we expect feedback from Bernie Lynch within a week or so.
- **Employment Opportunities:** JT reported that Fire Clerk interviews are complete and Fire Chief has a candidate in mind. JT reported Assessor Administrative Assistant position has been filled.
- **Fire and EMS Consultant:** JT reported that 4 consulting firms are scheduled for interviews with BOS during next 2 Monday night BOS meetings.

- **Solar:** MR reported next steps need to come from CEC representative.
- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Procurement Charts:** MR offered an overview of procurement charts. He reported Mass. Office of the Inspector General has training video available. He will view and report back to BOS.
- **Town House legal strategy meeting follow-up:** Wide consensus that meeting went well and was very worthwhile. There was discussion about the remote participation possibility to help solve chronic Planning Board quorum issues. There was some concern as to whether quorum needed in the meeting room when remote participation used. MR will check with Attorney Rich Bowen.
- **WATD weekly interview and BOS Boston Globe liaison:** BOS decided MR will do WATD weekly interviews. JT will be available for Globe reporter as needed

Correspondence

- Letter from Richard and Tracy Yurewicz stating they did not limit Animal Control Officer's investigation of dog bite incident and requesting invitation to future BOS meetings if there is further discussion about the incident
- DLS Alerts-Implementing Best Practices day-long seminar announcement
- Advertisement for bids-Dennett School Water Treatment System
- COMMSYS-Email reminder to update fiscal year levels-MR reported it has been completed
- John Traynor email concerning Town officials' permission procedure to contact Town Counsel. Will add to agenda for next meeting
- U.S. Census information request-MR passed on to Town Clerk
- Virtual Town and Schools bulletin-Training program for website editing
- Office of Inspector General bulletin- procurement updates
- Plympton/Halifax Express newspaper

Minutes

- **VOTE:** BOS minutes of 8/9/2017-motion to approve by CJ, second by JT. 3/0

Dates to remember

- **BOS open meetings**-Mondays @ 6:00PM -August 21 and 28, 2017

Adjournment

- **VOTE:** Motion to adjourn by CJ, second by JT. 3/0
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Russo