

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2008

Attendees: Joseph Freitas, Barry DeCristofano, and John Henry
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Jack O'Leary of the Plympton Planning Board gave an update to the Selectmen. The Plympton/Carver Aquifer Group is working on increasing protection for the Plympton ground water. The Planning Board is developing an earth removal By-Law with specific measures for storm water and septic systems. The Open Space Committee and Planning Board are very active. They were able to obtain a \$5,000. Federal Grant in October of 2007 An Open Space and Master Plan are being developed to manage the Zoning process and control new residential and commercial property application requests. There may be a potential Zoning By-Law that will be taken to the Town Meeting for approval. Mr. O'Leary will submit a request of non-capital items to Representative Calter for the review of the House Ways and Means Chairman's approval. More Town Residents are urged to join the Planning Board Committee to assist with the operations of the Town. Mr. O'Leary will review the Smart Growth/Master Plan CD. Ms. Liz Princiotta was at the meeting and volunteered to assist the Planning Board.

Selectmen Henry gave a report on the Bureau of Indian Affairs application package. There will be a hearing on March 04, 2008 in Middleborough to review the Land being put into a Trust. If the land does go into a Trust it will be regulated by the Federal Government. The main concern and questions to ask; "What harmful effects will this represent to the Wetlands and Rivers Act and the Endangered Species Act"?

The Board of Health Members, Janice Beale, Chair, Cathleen Drinan, Clerk, and Nancy Curtin, Treasurer Reported to the Board of Selectmen the three phases of the Transfer Station: The first phase is to get three proposals from engineers to visit the site, review documents and correspondence to the Department of Environment Protection. The second phase will be to hire an engineer to bring the Transfer Station into compliance that meets the Department of Environment Protection guidelines. The third phase will be to bring all the facts to the Town Meeting to procure the necessary fund in order to complete the Transfer Station Project. Mr. Henry will contact Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Consent Form that will need to be signed by the Selectmen.

Mr. DeCristofano will review the TOPLA insurance policy.

Mr. Freitas, Mr. Henry, Mr. DeCristofano, and Kingston Town Administrator, Kevin Donovan visited the office of Senate Therese Murray at the State House in Boston on January 12, 2008. Mr. DeCristofano reported that the visit was forty minutes long. During the meeting Senate Murray informed the Selectmen that she will become more involved in the matters of the proposed Casino. Senate Murray appointed one of her staff members, Laura Tassinari as the contact person in her office for the Selectmen. Mr. Henry will communicate with Ms. Tassinari on a regular basis in order to keep the lines of communication and open. Senate Murray reported to Selectmen that she would like to see the Middleborough land go up for bid. The Selectmen also visited the office of Representative Calter.

Liz Princiotta and Pat Royal submitted a Draft of the Wetlands By-laws for the Selectment to review. The Board of Selectmen will meet on 2-4-8 at 7:30 PM with Ms. Princiotta and Ms. Rooyal.

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Correspondence:

MBTA Advisory Board memo was read by Mr. DeCristofano. Noting “nothing specific to Plympton.”
Proposed Common Driveway By-law warrant Read
Commonwealth of MASS Executive Office of Environmental Affairs – Approves Middleborough
MASS Municipal Association DVD Re: Fiscal distress. Mr. DeCristofano will review
Commonwealth of MASS II Smart Growth/Smart Energy Toolkit Cc: to Assessors, Open Space
Committee and Building Inspector DVD ordered

Mr. Henry reported that he spoke with the Town Auditors regarding the financial statements.
The Audit Report for 2005 and 2006 will be mailed on 1-23-2008
The Selectmen will set a meeting date with the Town Accountant and Treasurer to review the Audit.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to accept amended January 14, 2008 Minutes.
Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to adjourn meeting at 8:55 PM Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance
Board of Selectmen Secretary