

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
January 28, 2008

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

Mr. DeCristofano is researching Insurance coverage for the Town Library. He will call the MIA Insurance Company to determine if the quote covers the building and liability. Mr. DeCristofano will also call Kopelman and Paige to verify the list of criteria needed to complete the transfer of the Library over to the Town.

Mr. Freitas wants to settle the Library transfer by May. He will reserve an Article at the Town Meeting.

Mr. Freitas will contact Mr. Hayes regarding the street light at Cushman's Landing..

Mr. Henry gave an update on the electrical light survey. Mr. Henry spoke with Bob Karling, Wiring Inspector about the number of street light poles, the placement of the poles, lights, and placement of new lights. Mr. Henry and Mr. Freitas discussed the possibility of the Police checking on the working condition of the town light poles and placement of new lights to ensure safety for the public. They will report back to the Selectmen. Mr. Freitas will contact Chief Clancy about this subject and report back at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Correspondence:

Mr. DeCristofano gave a quick review of the DRAFT of the twenty five pages Silver Lake Budget.

Mr. DeCristofano read the Old Colony Planning Council House Bill 4409 State Transportation Bond Bill that was sent to Representative Calter.

Mr. DeCristofano read the MASS Municipal Association. Mr. Henry and Mr. DeCristofano will review and report back.

Governor Duval Patrick has put the proposed income from the Casino into this years budget.

Southeast Homeland Security READ and Cc: to Chief Clancy and Chief Rich.

Town Clerk – Ballot for 2008 offices and incumbent list was reviewed by all Selectmen.

Town Clerk – Annual town Meeting and Town Election Calendar for 2008 was READ and a copy will be on the bulleting board in the Selectmen's Meeting room.

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Information on the Solomon Hayward Desk and Auction at Skinner, Inc. was READ
Cc: Historical Society.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to give an extension on the special permit
extension until February 11, 2008 for the apartment at 266 D Main Street. Second Mr.
DeCristofano. 3-0-0

Commonwealth of MASS – Veterans’ Services Officer – READ Cc: Bob Karling,
Veterans’ Agent.

Mr. Henry gave an update on the Transfer Station Consent form. The former land fill
location has been identified. There is space on the site available for a new site. The
site will not be near residential water wells. There are three engineers that will submit
projected bid quotes for the initial cost to review the documents and completion on the
project. Some of the proposed changes will be a new compacter concrete pad and a
paved road. One of the main features will be an enhanced recycling area.

Mr. Henry reported that the DRAFT of the Financial Statements and
Recommendations Audit for 2005 and 2006 are available. He will schedule a meeting
with Town Accountant and Treasurer to review the Audit.

Mr. Henry reported on the 18 Town Regional Task Force Meeting that was held in
Lakeville on January 23, 2008 Middleborough will not be part of the 18 Town
Regional Task Force. Mr. Henry stressed the importance of the dates and deadlines on
the “Register of Intent” for the environmental impact study time table. Watch for the
approximate date of February 15, 2008 to start the forty five day comment segment.
Every citizen, School Board Member, and others will have that window of opportunity
to communicate their concerns in writing. There is a website for the
Washington/Oregon Casino that is now into the second year of their Casino project.
The web site is www.gorgecasinoeis.com There is information on the environmental
impact study process on the website. Mr. Freitas made mention that he represented
Plympton at the meeting and Mr. Henry represented the Anti Casino Task Force.

7:45 PM the Selectmen meet with Mr. John Tuffy, Ms. Maureen Springer, Finance
Committee Members, Ray Beale, Jacki Norrie, David Pecinovsky, Tom Gillespie,
Wage and Personnel Members, Irv Butler and Mr. Chandler to discuss the DRAFT of
the 2008-2009 Silver Lake Budget.

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Ms. Springer told the group that the DRAFT Budget was released on January 24, 2008 Ms. Springer stated that she looked over the DRAFT and that no formal discussion had taken place.

Mr. Tuffy informed the group that \$85,000 will cover an in-house program for the group of four to eight special need students that are in the sixth grade and will be graduating to the seventh grade. The out-of district placement cost would be \$55,000 per student. The Utilization rate at Silver Lake is 85% The draft budget reflects a 4.1% increase.

Mr. Henry reported that the three Towns intend to “level fund.” Ms. Springer stated that in order to level fund that there would have to be staff cuts. Ms. Springer is aware that level funding is more acceptable for Plympton. Ms. Springer reminded the group that she and Mr. Cambria have one vote each while other towns have a two votes per member.

Mr. Tuffy commented that there is a dis-connect between the budget and assessments. Ms. Springer suggested that each person take the time to review the DRAFT budget and contact her office with any comments or further questions. More meetings are planned to discuss the budget further.

Mr. Freitas called a recess at 8:30 PM Reconvened at 8:40 PM

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the January 22, 2008 Minutes with one correction. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0

Voted: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to adjourn meeting at 8:45 PM Second Mr. Henry.3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance,
Board of Selectmen Secretary