

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
December 22, 2008

Attendees: Joe Freitas, John Henry, and Barry DeCristofano

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Board met with Al Vautrinot regarding his suggestions on the wording for a common driveway bylaw article to be proposed at the next Town Meeting. The possible approaches to such a bylaw were discussed with the Board and the Building Inspector, Mr. Jacobson. It was agreed that Mr. Vautrinot will offer a re-wording of the proposed bylaw for further discussion.

Mr. Freitas brought up the question of the zoning boundaries at the Route 58 – Maple St. intersection, and a short discussion followed.

Mr. Freitas commended the Highway Surveyor and his staff for the good job they did during last week's snow storm.

A letter was read containing a suggestion that the Town consider exercising a State law allowing municipalities to tax horse owners (similar to a dog licence). After a short discussion among the Board, it was decided to first send the suggestion on to the Agricultural Commission for their input. Motion – Mr. Henry, 2nd – Mr. DeCristofano 3-0-0

Mr. Henry explained a letter that he had put together listing “shovel ready” projects that the Town needs to undertake in order to spur development in the Business Park. These projects would be included in a State proposal to the incoming Federal administration under a State-wide economic stimulus package. Submission of the letter to the Old Colony Planning Council for incorporation in their package to the State was approved. Motion – Mr. Henry, 2nd – Mr. DeCristofano 3-0-0

A letter from the Halifax Selectmen was read, asking neighboring towns if there was interest in discussing implementation of a regional dispatch system. The Board decided to meet on January 5th with the Chiefs of Police and Fire, and the Highway Surveyor to get their input. In the meantime, Mr. DeCristofano will contact Halifax's Town Manager and express Plympton's willingness to discuss the possibilities.

As a follow-up to a previous request, Mr. Henry will submit a list of the Town's buildings and vehicles to be covered by our insurance policy to our insurance agent.

Class II automobile business licenses were approved (3-0-0) for the following:

Motorsports, Plympton Cycles, Alby's, Competition Auto, Alcar, and County Auto Mart.

A Class II license was also approved for Alby's.

At the request of the Tree Warden, Mr. Freitas signed an application for recertification of Plympton in the Tree City USA program.

The following sets of meeting minutes were approved:

Meeting Date	Motion	2 nd	Comments	Vote
December 1 st	DeCristofano	Henry	As amended	3-0-0
December 4 th (ES session)	Henry	DeCristofano	As printed	3-0-0
December 8 th	DeCristofano	Freitas	As printed	2-0-1
December 15 th	Freitas	Henry	As amended	2-0-1

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on motion of Mr. DeCristofano, 2nd – Mr. Freitas. 2-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Barry DeCristofano
Clerk, Board of Selectmen