

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
April 6, 2009

Attendees: Joe Freitas, John Henry, and Barry DeCristofano

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Board met with the Veterans' Agent, Bob Karling, to discuss the status of State reimbursement of the Town's expenditures for veterans over the past three years. Mr. Karling stated that since he never received training on how to file the paperwork, it has not been done. He was to meet with a Veterans' Affairs agent in Boston later in the week to complete his training and with it, the paperwork for FY09 expenditures. It appears that the Town can no longer be reimbursed for FY08 and FY07. Mr. Henry will check with Halifax's agent to see what help we can get in this area.

At 7:20, Patrolmen Teri and Peterson came before the Board to ask that it do everything possible to retain Chief Clancy. It had become public that Mr. Clancy was a candidate for the Police Chief position in Middleboro. The officers described the hard work and professionalism of Chief Clancy and the degree to which he has improved the Department during his tenure. The Board said that it will do all that it can, but the reality is that fiscal constraints prevent the Town from matching any offer that Middleboro may make.

It was reported that the Computer Maintenance budget was exhausted. Mr. DeCristofano will implement a service request approval process similar to the one now in use for Town Counsel services as a way to hold down costs.

Mr. Freitas visited AlCar in the past week and noted that at first, there were more cars on display than allowed under their license. By the end of the week, the number was reduced and was in conformance.

Mr. Freitas asked Mr. DeCristofano to investigate in the next couple of months the feasibility of installing of wind turbines in the Town as a way to generate both, energy and income.

Mr. Freitas signed a letter to the ABC-C regarding the granting of an expanded liquor license to Plympton Convenience.

Mr. DeCristofano read a press release explaining the status of Mr. Rich's appointment as Fire Chief. The statement explained that Mr. Rich's employment with the Town would cease on June 30th, 2009.

The Board discussed the make up of a Search Committee to begin the process of finding a new Fire Chief. On the motion of Mr. Henry, second by Mr. DeCristofano, it was voted to appoint John Walker as Chairmen Pro Tem of the committee. Vote: 3-0-0 It was agreed that besides Mr. Walker, the committee should consist of a firefighter from Town, the Police Chief, Mr. Mulcahy and if possible, a former Chief from a neighboring town.

Mr. Henry informed the Board that there will be an Unemployment Compensation hearing in two weeks regarding a former teacher that has filed for and has been receiving compensation.

Correspondence was read by Mr. DeCristofano.

- On May 4th at 4:00 pm, the Board will meet in Executive Session with members of the Police Department. The Board's regular open session meeting will begin at 6:00 pm that evening.
- The Town received Common Cause's E-Government Award for 2009, for its efforts in maintaining open access to Town government proceedings via the Town website.
- The Board received the Police Chief's comments on the proposed application for filmmakers desiring to film in Town.
- The Board approved, subject to Police Chief approval and submission of insurance documentation, a request to permit the annual Strawberry Shortcake Road Race to pass through Town on May 16th.
- The Board approved a request by Sauchuk Farm to allow the Cow Train to participate again in the Memorial Day parade.
- The Board received AMR's insurance certificate to operate in Town.

Mr. Henry updated the Board on the status of an MOU with SN covering the proposed work to be done at the Business Park. If an agreement can be worked-out, the Town would schedule a Special Town Meeting later in the year to allow a vote on the necessary by-law changes and other required measures to move the Business Park forward.

Mr. Henry also drafted a letter to Sen. Murray regarding the status of stimulus money requests that the Town has made.

The following sets of meeting minutes were approved:

Meeting Date	Motion	2 nd	Comments	Vote
March 9 th (ES session)	Henry	DeCristofano	As printed	3-0-0
March 16 th	DeCristofano	Henry	As amended	3-0-0
March 20 th (ES session)	Henry	DeCristofano	As amended	3-0-0
March 23 rd (ES session)	Henry	DeCristofano	As printed	3-0-0
March 30 th	Henry	DeCristofano	As printed	3-0-0
March 31 st (ES session)	Henry	DeCristofano	As printed	3-0-0

The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be on April 13th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned on the motion of Mr. Henry, 2nd – Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Barry DeCristofano
Clerk, Board of Selectmen