

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
October 13, 2009

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

**7:00 PM APPOINTMENT:**

Zoning Enforcement Officer Robert Karling gave a status report on the signs in Town and identified many violations of the Town Zoning-By-laws. He presented the Selectmen with a list of properties that are in violation of the By-laws. Ann Sobolewski, Zoning Board of Appeals, Chair and Jason Silva, Building Commissioner discussed necessary steps to streamline the appeal process and made recommendations to assist the Zoning Enforcement Officer and sign owners in Town. Ms. Sobolewski submitted a draft version of the "2009 Sign Enforcement and Appeals" letter to the Selectmen and Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Zoning Enforcement Officer will send out a letter from his department along with a copy of the "2009 Sign Enforcement and Appeals" letter to those that are in violation of the Town By-laws. Necessary Steps:

- Letter from Zoning Enforcement Officer formal complaint of violation of Zoning By-law.
- Any business or individual whose signage is cited may appeal the citation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief provided the application is made within fourteen (14) days of the date of the citation from the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The signage may remain in place pending the appeal.
- If the appeal is granted, the signage would be authorized.
- If the appeal is denied, the applicant would be required to remove the signage or risk additional violations.
- An individual who fails to apply for zoning relief within fourteen (14) days of the notice of violation from the Zoning Enforcement Officer would be obligated to remove the illegal signage before applying for Zoning Relief.

The time involved from start of the letter of violation and public Hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals would be approximately five (5) weeks.

Mr. Dempsey was given a copy of the Zoning Enforcement Officer's report and a copy of the "2009 Sign Enforcement and Appeals" letter for his files.

**7:30 PM APPOINTMENT:**

Ms. Liz Princiotta, Conservation Commission/Wetlands By-law submitted a letter to the Board regarding a procedural error for filing fees. A public hearing will take place in early December to discuss and implement a fee schedule.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Thursday, October 15, 2009 Veteran's Dial a Lawyer "Free."

Monday, October 19, 2009 Meeting: Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and Dennett School Committee at 7:00 PM Selectmen's Room.

Friday, October 23, and Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, Haunted House a Town Field behind Fire Station.

Wednesday, October 28, BAMSI – Colchester Road Open-House 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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REPORTS:

Selectmen Freitas reported that he attended a MIIA Rewards Seminar on Thursday, October 08, 2009 at the Radisson in Plymouth. The topic was "Anger Management and dealing with difficult people."

Mr. DeCristofano reported:

- MBTA Survey will be completed next week.
- A new computer will be purchased for the Fire Department. The rotation for the purchase of any new computers for the Town House will be postponed.
- Waiting for answer from the General Council regarding the Lottery Commission.

Chairman DeCristofano signed the Contract for the Local Cultural Council Grant for \$4,000.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Henry to sign the letter of support for the Old Colony Planning Council MEMA/DCR funds for the Regional Multi-Hazard Pre-Disaster Plan and Local Community Annexes. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Arbor Day Foundation literature.

Mass Coalition for Jobs and Growth.

Kopelman and Paige Memo "Retention of Electronic Mail." Copied all departments.

MMA Fall Conference October 17 at Tri-County Regional Tech High School, Franklin.

Highway Surveyor – Has not purchased washed sand from PA Landers.

Plymouth County Commissioners Office – Gasoline Bids.

Plymouth County Commissioners request for Advisory Representative.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Henry to nominate Mr. Freitas as Advisory Representative to the Plymouth County Commissioners Office. Second Mr. DeCristofano. 3-0-0.

Plymouth County Commissioners letter regarding new recovery Bond Program "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" (ARRA). The Board will schedule a meeting With Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Gauley to discuss the Industrial Park."

Murray Mail leaflets. In lobby.

Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic Plympton and Halifax (over 50) Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at the Halifax Elementary School Gymnasium. 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Chief of Police regarding letter of interest for the position of Seargeant.

Fax from Energy & Environmental Affairs regarding Major Modification of a Landfill.

Mr. Freitas will follow up and report back to the Board.

Mr. Henry and Mr. Freitas thanked Fire Chief Inglis for the outstand job on the Fire Station Open-House held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTED:** Motion made by Mr. Henry to adjourn meeting at 8:20 PM. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance

Board of Selectmen Secretary.