

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
November 16, 2009

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

7:00 PM APPOINTMENT: Appointment for Martin P. Mitchell to the Plympton Historical Commission. Mr. Jon Wilhelmsen visited the meeting to support the appointment for Mr. Mitchell.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to appoint Martin P. Mitchell to the Plympton Historical Commission until June 30, 2012. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

Mr. Henry reported that there is a grant money available of \$150,000.00 for windows and/or new heating system for the Town House. Jake Jacobson from the Building Department has measured all the windows at the Town House and is assisting Mr. Henry in the grant process.

Mr. Wilhelmsen has a concern the vinyl replacement windows longevity is fifteen to twenty years. There was discussion regarding the present location of the Police department office in the historic part of the building. Any replacement windows in the historic building will have to be reviewed and approved by the Historical Commission.

Mr. Henry reported that an energy audit will be conducted during the week. The grant application must be submitted by December 09, 2009. A representative from the Old Colony Planning Board is assisting Mr. Henry with writing the grant.

Board of Health Chairman, Jack Doyle visited the meeting to report the success of the recent H1N1 flu clinic that was held at the Dennett Elementary School on Sunday, November 15, 2009. Mr. Doyle stated that 400 injections of the H1N1 vaccine were given to the elementary students, teachers, first responders: Police officers, Fire fighters, and CERT members. Mr. Doyle thanked Jeri Batchelder from the Board of Health and Partner's Home Care for a well organized clinic. He also reported that there will be another H1N1 clinic in the future. The date has not been determined.

Mr. Tim Dempsey of the Conservation Commission and his faithful companion, Bear, visited the meeting. Mr. Dempsey asked for an update on the signs in Town. The Zoning Enforcement Officer, Robert Karling was called to the meeting for an update and report. Mr. Karling reported that he sent out three letters to the business on Route 58 regarding sign violations. He stated that two appeals have been filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Sweet Shop will take out a permit for new signs and remove any signs that are in violation. Four letters per week will be mailed out to those in violation.

Mr. Karling reported that any sign that has been up for six years or more is now a legal sign. Mr. DeCristofano advised Mr. Karling to obtain this fact in writing from Town Counsel.

Mr. Freitas commented that he has issues with the salary schedule for the Zoning Enforcement Officer and would like to discuss it further in an Executive Session meeting on November 30, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

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REPORTS: Mr. Henry reported that the Town has received the Veteran's reimbursement of \$6,780.25. The Town's Veteran Agent, Roxanne Whitbeck submitted the required paperwork to the State for the seventy five percent reimbursements. Mr. Henry stated that Ms. Whitbeck is doing a great job for the Town as the new Veteran's Agent. Mr. Henry reported that he will notify the Finance Committee to be aware that the Veteran's budget line will be approximately \$10,000.00 short this fiscal year due to the \$6,780.25 monies going into the Town General Fund.

OLD BUSINESS: There was more discussion regarding the Transfer Station sticker fees and possibility of rate increases. Total Sales were \$84,425.00. The cost to operate the Transfer Station is \$170,000.00 per year.

The Selectmen are coordinating a meeting with State Representative, Tom Calter to discuss the Transfer Station and Industrial Park.

CORRESPONDENCE:

E-mail from Jack O'Leary, Planning Board regarding "quorums."

E-Mail from Andy Karparis requesting the appointment of Ann M. White to the Recreation Commission.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Henry to appoint Ann M. White to the Recreation Commission until June 30, 2012. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

TRIAD luncheon at the Upland Club on December 03, 2009.

MASS DOT regarding not to use salt near rail road tracks.

Application for use of Town Property from Plympton Folk Art November 20, 21, and 23, 2009.

VOTED: Motion made by Freitas to allow the Plympton Folk Art Committee to use the Town House on November 20, 21, and 22, 2009. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

DATES:

Town Auditors request use of Selectmen's Room November 23 – 25, 2009.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the minutes as written of the October 26, 2009 meeting. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept as amended the minutes of the November 02, 2009 meeting. Second Mr. Henry. Mr. DeCristofano abstains. 2-0-1.

VOTED: Motion made by Henry to accept the minutes as written of the November 09, 2009 meeting. Second Mr. Freitas. 3-0-0.

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Mr. Freitas thanked Police Officer Saucier for his dedication to the Town of Plympton and wished him well with his volunteer position as Fire Fighter with the Town.

VOTED: Motion made by Freitas to adjourn meeting at 8:50 PM Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance
Board of Selectmen Secretary.