

PLYMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
November 23, 2009

Attendees: Joseph Freitas, Barry DeCristofano, and John Henry
Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Mr. DeCristofano opened the meeting by reporting that there was an Executive Session meeting at 6:00 PM

Plympton State Representative, Tom Calter visited with the Selectmen. Mr. Calter invited the public to meet with him at the Town House. Office hours are 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM the fourth Monday of the month. Mr. Calter stated that if any resident needs assistance with: Food, shelter, unemployment issues, do not hesitate to contact his office at (508) 732-0033.

The Board and Mr. Calter discussed the Federal Stimulus funds for Plympton. Unfortunately, Plympton will not qualify for the Industrial Park, waste water treatment and infrastructure. Nor will the roadways resurfacing of Mayflower Road, Parsonage Road, Prospect Street or Brook Street be eligible to receive the funds. The Transfer Station is also excluded to receive any stimulus funds.

Mr. Henry declared his displeasure with Federal funds being used for the 2/10 mile markers along Route 44. Each sign costs \$125.00 and the money could have been put to better use. Mr. Calter agreed with Mr. Henry that the Federal funds could have been used more wisely by the State.

Mr. Henry described recent encounters with unemployment claims filed by teachers and the appeal process with the Unemployment Office to Mr. Calter. Mr. Calter stated that he will contact the Legislative Liaison that handles unemployment claims and will conduct a conference call with Mr. Henry, Mr. Calter, and the Liaison.

Mr. Calter reported that the Kingston and Plymouth Economic Target Area (ETA) formation has been delayed. Mr. Calter will contact both Town Managers from Kingston and Plymouth to schedule a meeting with them and Plympton Selectmen.

Mr. Freitas asked Mr. Calter for a status report on the Sherriff's Bill. Mr. Calter reported that the Senate Office has received receipts from the Registry and they have extended the amortization schedule and will increase percentage rates.

Mr. Calter reported on the following:

- There are two bills with the Legislature. The education reform and the supplemental (SUP) budget which will be read and studied.
- Income tax will go up as unemployment goes down and vice versa.
- In order to stimulate the economy, jobs must be created.

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- A meeting at the Lite Control in Plympton for small business owners will be hosted by Mr. Calter on Wednesday, December 02, 2009 at 5:30-7:30 PM.
- Massachusetts economy has stalled. The unemployment rate is at 9.9% and has not been this high since 1970.
- Mr. Calter stated that he voted against the sales tax increase and that revenue is picking-up a bit.
- The economic picture for 2011 is bleak.

Mr. Calter welcomed calls from any of the Town residents. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Calter for attending the meeting and for the informative updates.

Mr. Jon Wilhelmsen, John Leschen and another member from the Historical Commission visited the meeting along with Jake Jacobson to discuss installation of new windows at the Town House. Mr. Wilhelmsen called the Historical Commission to order since there was a quorum.

There was a long discussion about vinyl replacement windows and fixing existing windows. Mr. Jon Wilhelmsen suggested that the all the windows at the Town House could be fixed with glazing and a tight fitting storm window over the existing windows. Mr. Jacobson stated that the windows in the lower level offices (basement) need to be able to open and close for a healthy air exchange. Mr. Jacobson suggested restoring the windows that have a historical significance to the front brick building (Police Station) and use replacement for all other windows.

Mr. Henry reported that he has had little success in obtaining estimates for a new heating system as companies claim they are too busy to give the Town an estimate.

Mr. Henry reminded everyone that the deadline date of December 09, 2009 for the grant is near and that a decision needs to be made. Mr. Henry asked Mr. Wilhelmsen and Mr. Jacobson to meet again on Monday, November 30th to finalize matters regarding the Town House windows.

Mr. Freitas asked for the Selectmen's support in his quest to have the trailers removed from the Wild Aces Farm. Mr. Freitas will contact Town Counsel and the Board of Health regarding the removal of the trailers.

The Selectmen will visit the three establishments in Town for inspection before the liquor license renewal will reviewed for approval before November 30, 2009.

Mr. Freitas thanked all of the staff at the Dennett Elementary School and the members of CASA for the delicious meal that was served on Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Special State Primary, Tuesday, December 08, 2009 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM vote at Town House. Selectmen signed. To be posted in Town.

CORRESPONDENCE: Plympton Police receive Traffic Enforcement Grant of \$8,400.00 Plymouth County Commissioners – Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond (RZEDBs) program guidelines 2009.

Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds – Municipal Application.

Kathy Keirstead – “Tiny Town” exemption.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to approve the “Tiny Town” exemption for Kathy Keirstead to work in the Building Department and the Library.
Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

E-mail from Halifax Town Administrator, Charlie Seelig regarding policies regarding Depositions. (Public records/information requests.)

Max West, Finance Committee Chair, regarding “roll out costs” into budget line and Laptop computer compliance.

Kopelman and Paige – Memo “Important Recent Decisions Regarding Lapses of Variances and Special Permits.” Copied, Building, Zoning, and Appeals.

Old Colony Planning – Interest in Regional Bid.

Sergeant Promotional Process Oral Board Interviews.

Mr. Henry will contact Mr. Watson from Old Colony Planning Council regarding sharing different departments and report back to Board.

Mr. Freitas signed the letter to nominate William N. Hayes, Jr. as Tree Warden of the year for 2010.

DATES: Auditor visit was postponed due to lack of documentation.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. Freitas to accept the Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2009 as amended. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

VOTED: Motion made by Mr. DeCristofano to adjourn meeting at 8:25 PM. Second Mr. Henry. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Krance, Board of Selectmen Assistant