

Plymouth Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2013
6:00 PM

Members: Ralph Michael, Chair; Andy Crossman; Russ Tonkin

Others: Carol Ackley, Chris Bernier, Chase Morsey, Richard North, Joe Rebideau, Jennifer Runette, Barbara Rabtoy, Sandie Small

Ralph called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- There was a change in the Agenda for the presentation by Chris Bernier to be next.
- Chris Bernier, Fish and Wildlife, gave detailed information in connection with the suggested road 'swap.' Plymouth has a road that follows the brook from the Five Corners to the road leading to Colby Pond, which is impassable to traffic (approximately ½ mile in length). This section would be given over to the State, and the State would give to the Town a road above this section, which is drivable, but not open to traffic at this time by State law. This exchange would address public safety and allow the road along the stream to recover. It would be a win-win situation. Russ asked what the procedure would be to accomplish this exchange; Chris indicated the first step would be a survey; then to discontinue the existing stream road; classify and layout the Class 4 Highway road; Chris did not expect any difficulties as this matter has been discussed among the various agencies. (Joe Rebideau asked why the Town has to absorb the cost of the survey; Chris said he would check with the State, but doubted that they would contribute.) Chris also indicated there was a second piece of the road further in and past the bridge that goes into Reading; that section could also be discontinued and surveyed. The time frame for this 'swap' would be approximately one year. Russ moved that the SB approve said road 'swap' in the area past 5 Corners and start the process of laying out the procedure; Andy seconded; so voted.
- The Minutes from the Meeting of November 4, 2013, were reviewed. Russ motioned to approved said Minutes; Andy seconded; so voted.
- Discussion of the gate/fence on Library Trail was tabled to the December meeting of the SB, as additional information was obtained at a previous working session.
- The Town school payment will be made to the State. The payment in connection with the supervisory union for our students has been paid; the next payment is due after the February taxes have been received.
- Barbara stated that she had spoken with Gwen Slager from the State, who was not able to enroll us into the new health program; Barbara was going to be speaking directly with BC/BS on Tuesday to set up an account.
- Russ indicated that he had completed part of the application for the Disaster Grant, and put it into Larry's box for his completion. Russ will follow up with Larry.

- The Personnel Policy was discussed; Internet and social networking use was added to the policy, as well as cell phone use in town vehicles. Russ moved to accept said changes as discussed; Andy seconded; so voted. Carol Ackley asked who is considered an employee. Russ indicated that elected officials are not considered employees; so that would apply to the Listers. Carol also asked about holidays; Russ suggested that the Listers present a proposal to their supervisor in this regard. In connection with retirement, employees and elected officials who earn \$600 or more can contribute to Social Security.
- Warrants were approved and signed.
- Mail was reviewed and tended to. The contract for the Town tax map was signed and returned to Barbara. A petition was presented at the meeting regarding a Right of Way; it was tabled until the next meeting in December in order to give the SB time to review same.
- Other Business

Russ discussed trails and class 4 roads – the Town is not responsible for a trail; a trail is not a highway; there is no regulation about motorized vehicles on a trail, but the SB can place such regulations on a Class 4 road or a trail. Jennifer Runnette asked about Frog City Road; Ralph stated it remains a Class 3 and 4 road.

The SB stated that the new Town maps do not include the new information we sent to them; Russ will call Jon Croft.

Andy motioned to adjourn the Meeting; Russ seconded; so voted. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Draft written by Sandie Small

Ralph Michael, Chair

Andy Crossman

Russ Tonkin