

Minutes from Select Board meeting on 2/27/2017

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Ralph Michaels

Present were Ralph Michaels, Larry Lynds, Russ Tonkin, Elaine Pauley, Virginia Dean, Al Bar-Am From Salt Ash Inn.

The minutes from the meetings of 2/6/17 & the emergency SB meeting of 2/21/17 were approved as written by the Select Board

Al from Salt Ash Inn spoke at length about the disruption to his business by the Route 100 A project to stabilize the hillside and improve drainage. He challenged the SB regarding their approval for work to continue into the winter months. Ralph Michaels reiterated the board did support the winter work as being advantageous for accelerating the project to shorten the summer completion of the project, with stated caveat that uniformed traffic officers be present at all times for traffic safety.

Al spoke about the disruption to his business with regards to the noise level at 7:00 AM, the rock crushing operation that was not anticipated in the description of the project and its effect on the structure of his Inn and his sleeping guests. He is experiencing a loss of income due to cancellations, and repairs to his buildings. He has motion sensors to monitor the vibrations caused by the rock crushing, and has documented with his insurance company the fact his chimney has been damaged by vibrations. He also expressed concern for driver safety when work is conducted on snowy and rainy days, a concern of the SB as well.

Russ Tonkin thanked him for bringing these issues to the SB attention. He suggested writing a letter to the SOV, DOT regarding noise disturbance to Salt Ash Customers.

Ralph Michaels stated the Dept of Transportation is in charge of following their rules. It is up to the resident engineer to control the project. He feels that continuing this work is not practical at this time. Discussion continued regarding the efficacy of the project, that the source of the problem is much further up the mountain and is not being addressed. The SB feels trees will continue to come down after heavy rains.

Natalie Boyles, Project Outreach Coordinator, asked that we post an email distribution list in town hall, so residents can sign up for notifications on the Route 100 A project. There was discussion regarding the road being completely blocked during the next phase of the project.

The board next reviewed the current delinquent property tax report. It was noted that a large percentage of delinquent taxes were current and the effect that not sending out reminder notices might have on the situation. With regards those properties in deep arrears, the SB would like to see the letters send to those property owners. They feel that tax balances over \$1000.00 should be more aggressively pursued. The SB wants to review the town policy on delinquent taxes, as the town is paying the SOV Education tax on these properties while not being reimbursed by property owner. SB wants to review all aspects of delinquent tax collection, with the long range view of possibly changing the position from elected to appointed, revising the structure of penalties, and making the position salaried. Discussions

would be held during this fiscal year, with the option of putting any proposed changes before the town in March, 2018.

They asked the delinquent tax report be posted on the town web-site after each SB meeting.

Ralph Michaels discussed the Robert Zorn property, which is in deep arrears. He feels the Listers should assess the property at a low value. Larry Lynds countered that doing so might become an issue for the BCA if they are challenged by other 'land locked' property owners regarding property value.

Regarding review of Conflict of Interest policy, SB agreed the policy adopted in 2012 is according to VLCT advise and feel no need to re-adopt the policy at this time.

The mail was reviewed. An Excess Weight Permit was signed for Hammond Grinding & Recycling, Inc. & a 2017 Liquor License Renewal Application was signed for Echo Lake Resort, Inc.

Check warrants and payroll Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Old business was discussed regarding the need for a custodian for the School building. Russ Tonkin noted that NEMRC representative, Chip Stearns questioned that current school custodian does not submit a time sheet each week. Also, each weekly paycheck mailed to the custodian, Keeley Crossman, since March, are still outstanding on our cash bank account. It was decided by the SB that a custodian for that building is no longer necessary, since we now have a director to oversee the maintenance and operation of the building. It was suggested that a letter be written to Keeley Crossman thanking her for her service, and notifying her that the position of custodian for the school building has been eliminated, effective 2/28/2017

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/13/2017

Russ Tonkin moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Larry Lynds.

Meeting addendum:

Discussion was held by the SB regarding the purchase of a new truck and the auctioning of the truck being replaced. Larry Lynds presented his comparison of two trucks, a Peterbuilt and a Kenworth. After discussion of reimbursement funds from FEMA, and the sale of the truck being replaced, and potential expense with regard to stainless steel v/s steel chassis, Russ Tonkin moved that the town purchase the Kenworth truck with the Viking body. Ralph Michaels 2nd, all in favor of the decision.

Ralph Michaels

Russ Tonkin

Larry Lynds

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08:47 pm

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH Tax Administration
Delinquent Tax Report

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Kathleen

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
2010	458.71	625.82	37.70	0.00	1,122.23
2011	567.84	532.50	45.42	0.00	1,145.76
2012	3520.04	2509.75	281.59	308.45	6,619.83
2013	11020.69	6629.35	881.68	343.44	18,875.16
2014	15033.82	5149.47	1202.69	325.93	21,711.91
2015	44548.93	8573.30	3563.93	17.50	56,703.66
2016-2017	370635.44	7302.66	29650.91	0.00	407,589.01
TOTALS	445785.47	31322.85	35663.92	995.32	513,767.56