

**Selectboard, Town of Plymouth
Monday, July 10, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM**

**Members: Ralph Michael, Chair; Larry Lynds; Russ Tonkin
Others: Bennett Coleman, Susan Roddy, Mary Pat Healy**

Ralph Michael called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Those present were introduced (Mary Pat Healy had not yet arrived)

The minutes from the meeting of June 19, 2017 were reviewed. Russ Tonkin made a motion to approve said minutes; Ralph Michael seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as written.

Bennett Coleman spoke regarding the issue of the class 4 road transecting his property on Frog City Road, and Farm & Wilderness planned tree work along that road. He asked for a stay of work until he has counsel to look into the issue. It is ok to use the trail, but no work with saws until August 1, 2017.

He also asked how Farm & Wilderness got permission to do the proposed tree trimming Russ stated that a representative of F&W did not appear before the board regarding the matter. Larry stated that keeping these class 4 roads / trails open has been on ongoing activity throughout the town for many years, to benefit outdoor activity.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the stay of work on the class 4 road on Frog City Road until August 1, 2017

Susan Roddy of Old County Road addressed the board regarding the status of said road as a discontinued road. She asked if there is documentation showing that the road was indeed Thrown Up, and if so, when that happened. She maintains the road and receives no services. Larry stated the town is obligated to grade the road only once a year.

Ralph suggested he might be able to help Susan find records. He asked if Mt. Holly / Ninevah do anything on the road. Susan stated the do not plow it and the road is in need of attention. It has reached a point where the scope of care needed is beyond her ability as a property owner.

Russ urged Susan to contact VTRANS to start her research. Ralph said the road was created in the 1700's to connect the Windsor and Rutland courthouses. The new Kingdom Road replaced Old County Road.

The mail was reviewed. The TRORC Road Pilot project will need Larry to show them the proposed road project in Plymouth.

The Certificate of Highway Mileage and updated town roads map was received. The certificate will be recorded in land records.

Next, the tax rate for the town was calculated. The municipal rate for tax year 2017 will be .403.

The Community Center Day Care liability insurance was discussed. Russ Tonkin will contact Lauren Skaskiw with questions regarding lead and water testing. He agreed that the town should contribute toward the cost of water testing.

Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Selectboard. They also signed the Letter of Intent for the Traffic Ordinance the town clerk's re-election certificate.

Regarding Old Business, Mary Pat Healy appeared before the board regarding the dog bite issue that occurred at Birch Landing.

Ralph believes the condominium has the responsibility with regards to their leash rules, that dogs be kept under control.

Russ stated he filled out the Health Officers report regarding the incident after speaking with the principals involved.

The Selectboard feels they have investigated as far as they can legally go, as this was the first formal report that has been filed of a bite by this dog that. Mary Pat Healy stated the dog's owner, Sharon Kennedy was warned 10/12/2015, after the dog bit her brother-in-law. She feels there should be some kind of enforcement for a dog owner that allows her dog to roam freely. She stated Birch Landing has no legal action for this and feels there are statutes in Vermont regarding this situation.

Russ stated that on a first report of dog bite the owner is warned by the Selectboard. If a second bite occurs, the Constable and Selectboard then take further action with the owner. The board has asked the dogs owner to meet with them with the dog, but so far the owner has not complied with their request. Ralph will write a letter to Sharon Kennedy and to Mary Pat Healy's attorney regarding this situation.

Next the Selectboard discussed putting the annual town audit out to bid. Russ suggested we get a list of auditors from the State Auditors Assoc. and send out letters for bids.

Lastly, Russ gave a letter of resignation, effective July 15, 2017, as he and Betsy are moving in September. The board will appoint a selectboard member to serve until the election in March, 2018.

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting. Russ seconded the motion.