

Plymouth Selectboard Minutes

Monday May 2nd, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

- Jay called meeting to order @ 6:03
- Introduction of those present: Jay Kullman, Rick Kaminski, Keith Capellini, Art Lynds Terry Bascombe, and Craig Obinsky
- Changes to agenda: To appoint a representative to the Solid Waste District (SWD) and discuss ambulance contract presented by Woodstock.
- Approve minutes from 4.18.22 – Rick Motioned and Jay Seconded, all in favor
- Art from ABL waste discuss contract price increases from \$96 to \$120 per ton due to a number of factors including inflation and fuel. Art explained how the programs work and how we are seeing less trash, more recycling but greater cost per ton by the SWD. Rick motioned to accept the new contract, Jay seconded, and the motion was carried.
- The Selectboard asked Art if he would continue to be our representative that is required on the Board of the SWD? Art agreed but would like to see someone else get involved if they are interested. Jay made the motion to appoint, and Rick seconded, and motion carried.
- Our Tax Sale Attorney, Steven Ancuda, suggested we postpone the Tax Sale on the hawk properties. The SB did not get a clear presentation of the cost or benefits to the Town and the SB agree to continue with the sale, concerned about delays. Keith Made the motion and Jay seconded and was carried.
- Steven Ancuda also suggested to our Treasurer that a separate Bank account be set up for the Tax sale proceeds, as the money may be there for a year. Keith Made a motion to set up a new account at Peoples Bank in Ludlow and Jay seconded, the motion was carried.
- Discussion around candidates for Town Clerk and we've had four great applicants and hope to appoint one next week.
- Building renovation was discussed and bids will be opened at the next SB meeting on the 16th. Rick responded to questions about how we are dealing with price inflation.
- Jay Proposed ARPA grants by the Town designed to work for our businesses withing the Village Center designation that is being proposed. Up to \$7500 for a project with up to a total of \$40,000 in expenditures of the ARPA funds. The main purpose is to provide some relief to our businesses and non-profits while helping to maintain or improve the aesthetics in our villages centers. Keith made a motion and Rick seconded and the motion was carried. The General store was also brought up. Jay and Terry had been on a committee several years ago to revitalize but found no path forward. Possibilities were discussed, maybe Town ownership is appropriate? It seems like a good time to get the conversation going again. Keith was willing to represent the SB on a committee and Terry Bascombe also expressed interest and Jay concurred that he was happy to help.
- Road commissioner – Rick gave a report on the work to be done on Stickney bridge and we have a grant to fund the work. We had a question about the bridge number 40 on Billings Road which Rick addressed and said it was important but not a high priority for the Road Foreman or commissioner yet. Rick also responded to a complaint Ms. Kessler had about the Town grading Davis Road, saying that the Town was going too far and that it was grading a private driveway.

Rick said that the Town has graded this for years and there is a turnaround at the end for the grader and plow trucks, and he measure to verify the length of the road. Rick also let us know that there will be some summer paving on Town Roads. The board also discussed a storage issue as the Town Highway Foreman is concerned about losing some of the storage in the Fire department bay. Jay questioned why, as there are three trucks, and we do not have a lot of volunteers at present do would not like to see the 3rd bay used for the old truck. We need to re-look at our agreement. Also happy to accommodate the Highway department with what they feel they need.

- Rick also said that there was interest in using the Town land off Lynds hill road for snowmobile ATV club Parking. Terry raised the concern about increased traffic, and we think we'll need to learn more about numbers. Jay said he would like to see multi-use trails for towns people. The board would get in touch with a forester and think about timber management and then possibly creating parking from the logging header.
- Discussion around Town Policies that still need adoption but the Board will wait until fall as there are many pressing items that need attention now.
- At 7:30 the Board went into Executive session

Jay Kullman

Rick Kaminski

Keith Cappellini