

SELECT BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Town of Plymouth Municipal Building

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by board chairperson Jay Kullman.

In attendance were chairmen Jay Kullman, Rick Kaminski, and Keith Cappellini.

Also in attendance were Julia Baldwin, Elaine Pauley, Rose Vetere, Naomi Moyer, John Olson, Terry Bascom and Henry Shipman.

There was a moment of reflection for former town clerk, Sandie Small, who passed away in August. Jay asked about doing something in her memory. Mr. Shipman spoke about his relationship with Sandie and his fond memories of her.

Changes to agenda: roof bids, bond, boiler replacement, and Tyson Library ARPA Fund Grant.

New town clerk will be discussed at next meeting.

A petition submitted by Salt Ash Land, LLC to establish a retail cannabis dispensary will be discussed at a warned special meeting this October. The vote will occur in November as to whether the voters in the town will 'opt in' to permit the retail sale of cannabis. Keith Cappellini suggested the town levy a licensing fee for a retail cannabis business. He will investigate the license fee being required annually.

A warning will be posted immediately so the issue can be part of discussion at the special meeting on October 17, 2022. Rick Kaminski motioned to allow the selectboard to implement a tax for a Cannabis license. Keith Cappellini seconded the motion.

ARPA funds: 1. Discussion regarding the Plymouth Country Store. Terry Bascom questioned the use of ARPA funds for a private business. Rose Vetere mentioned this may be a way to support the owner for the development of a community asset. Henry Shipman cautioned about the way tax money is used to support private business. After discussion by the board and audience it was decided the Country Store request does not meet the criteria of ARPA funds.

ARPA funds: 2. Discussion regarding a request for ARPA funds for the Tyson Library Association: Rose Vetere spoke to the pandemic causing a steep drop in visits to the library. She is requesting funds for roof repair to make the building safer. Rick Kaminski asked whether we met the limit for the ARPA funds or not. Decision will be made by next meeting. John Olson questioned the select board wanting to wait until next meeting to decide. Was this an economic loss to the library? Rose Vetere will check the website to assess fiscal loss to the library.

Hawk Tax Collection Update: Total delinquent taxes paid: 300,018.63. In addition, current year tax first payments and late fees for all 116 parcels total: 28,547.16. Keith Cappellini called for a round of applause to the board for making it happen.

Cell Tower Update: Rich Kaminski is scheduling a site visit and invited the other select board members to join him.

Constable, dispatch, and backup update: Jay Kullman did not any new information to add. He would like to contact constables from neighboring towns for more information before making a decision. Rick expressed concerns about the potential liability to the town.

Rick Kaminiski, as road commissioner, spoke about the necessity to name new roads where more than 2 structures are on a road, for 911 purposes. There are 6 roads in town up for consideration. Rick will speak to Mike Coleman and Pete Fellows regarding the process to name new roads.

Rick discussed the purchase of new piece of equipment for the town: a blower to clean ditches of leaves and debris, to help keep culverts clear. He stated we have money in the equipment fund for the purchase. In addition, the town is purchasing a computer for the highway department for culvert inventory and other road related projects to be monitored.

The bids to replace the Annex roof were opened. The low bidder was Steve Pryor at \$6400.00. Rick will follow up with him.

Update on the bond issue to finance funding for the building renovation project: Carol Goodwin has agreed to participate with the select board in navigating the process of securing funding for the project. Carol has a lot of experience and knowledge regarding difficult financial applications and will be a good addition to the team. Rick has scheduled a conference call Tuesday, September 27th at 9:30 with the bond company.

Update on the heating system: the boiler that serves the municipal offices was shut down due to a failed gasket that leaked carbon monoxide in the boiler room. It is a sectional boiler, 40 years old. Jay made a motion, Rick 2nd to purchase a new boiler as soon as possible.

Jay Kullman moved to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting, as written. Keith Cappellini 2nd the motion.

Jay thanked all for attending and participating. He adjourned the meeting to executive session at 7:05 P.M.

Submitted as draft,

Elaine Pauley