

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2021

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Jerry Kreiner
Councilman Frank Williams
Councilman Garry James
Superintendent Rodney Oakley

Supervisor Alger brought the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

She asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to November's minutes. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. (Mr. Meyer had stepped out for a few minutes.)

DOG CONTROLL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Franklin reported the following:

- 11/21/21 Sherburne four corners dog bite
- 12/1/21 Sherburne four dog bite follow up
- 12/3/21 Demming Road dog at large
- 12/9/21 Rt. 23 dog on property
Rt. 21 dog chasing deer

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Steve Fox reported the following:

- Met with the Planning Board concerning the issue of a land developer that has purchased land in the Town that wants to subdivide the property.
- Spoke with Bob Baker on Inman Road about his extra vehicles and piles of junk. He said he would work on cleaning up.
- Spoke with Jim Cummings on Anchor Lane. He has too many junk vehicles. He said he would work on putting up a fence and clean up his property. He apologized.
- Spoke with Wyatt Ashcraft on County Rt. 44. He has a collection of old furniture, wood and garbage. He said he was waiting for the ground to freeze so he could get to the pile with a vehicle.

Mr. Kreiner asked if there was any further development on the Hutchings property. Mr. Fox said a few more vehicles had been moved in, but he had not heard anything from Mr. Hutchings. Mr. Kreiner asked questions about some other pieces of property belonging to Mr. Hutchings. Mr. Fox said he would look into it.

Mrs. Brown asked how one would know if toxic fluids were leaking from the vehicles that are camouflaged behind fences. Mr. Fox said that is where junk yard permits come in. That would be a DEC State regulation. A visit would be made later to check for these violations.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Oakley reported the following:

- Presented the Board with a check for \$1,331.96 for scrap metal.
- Presented the Board with the 284 Agreement for 2022.

- Presented the Board with a listing of the Town's local roads. He found five roads that are not listed. They were Country Side, Homestead, Ridgeview, Welch Road, Kirk Road and Brook Run. Mr. Oakley asked like the Board to give him direction to update the list. Mr. Oakley said he does plow some of these roads as a courtesy once in a while. Mrs. Alger asked him for a recommendation. She was concerned about liability. Mr. Kreiner said that municipal law is pretty clear that Town highway equipment and employees can not perform any work that is off the Town right of way. The general consensus was that these roads are private roads and should not be maintained by the Town.
- Have done some plowing and sanding.
- Were down to three working trucks, but now have five.
- The pick-up truck is still in the garage.
- Cleaned up downed trees and branches after wind storm.

Mr. Oakley asked the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss an issue that he had. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and nos. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:53pm. At 7:08pm Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mrs. Alger reported that the County Board of Supervisors recognized several people who were retiring from the County.

Mrs. Alger informed the public that the Town is looking for one more person to volunteer to work with the Planning Committee. Anyone interested can contact her or the Town Clerk.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Kreiner asked for an update on the cell tower. Mrs. Alger said that December 10, fiber lines were to be installed. They said that by the end of December everyone would be live. Right now only AT&T will be the only service available. Hopefully, other servers will be added on later.

Since John Marshall, a highway employee, is turning 65 years old, he now qualifies for Medicare. By electing to change his insurance coverage to a Group Medicare policy, the Town could save money. Mr. James made a motion to cover the cost of the setup fee of \$199.00 for this policy. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos. Mr. James made a motion to change Mr. Marshall's coverage to a Group Medicare policy. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Oakley would like the Board to add Kirk Road and Welch Road to the Town Road Inventory. He would leave the other three roads off the list. Mr. Meyer asked how Mr. Oakley determined whether a road was seasonal. Mr. Oakley said he mainly followed the list of seasonal roads that Mr. Marshall had used. Mr. Oakley said he also thought that the width of the road and the amount of traffic that needed to travel on that road were factors. Mr. Williams made a motion not to adopt Country Side, Ridge View and Brook Run. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion.

The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Scott Aldridge thanked Mr. Oakley and crew for the work they had done on Jackson Road. He was very happy with it. He is still looking for the replacement of his survey pin. Mr. Oakley said he had contacted the surveyor about this issue, but the surveyor had not gotten back to him. Mr. Aldridge gave Mr. Oakley the name of Paul Koergs who should be able to answer Mr. Oakley's questions. Mr. Kreiner said he thought there was a question whether the pin was set in the right-of-way. Mr. Oakley said he thought it might have been according to the ditch line.

Ms. Jackie Kreiner asked if another cell server added on to the new cell tower, would the Town get any more money from it. Mr. Alger said no. The Town's lease agreement is with AT&T only.

Mr. Tom Kreiner felt his complaints never get answered. He had called in a complaint about his neighbor who had a gun with him. Mr. Kreiner said he had called the Sherriff's Dept. and Steve Fox about it and no one got back to him. Mr. Fox said he did not go to the property because of the dangerous situation. He apologized for not calling Mr. Kreiner back. Mr. Fox said there was not much he could do about the property because the owner was incapacitated. Mr. Kreiner complained about an uninhabitable sign that had fallen off the dwelling. Mr. Fox said he had talked to Mr. Oldham, one of the County Code Enforcement Officers, and he said he would take care of it. Mr. Fox will remind him. Mr. Fox will let Mr. Kreiner know what was done.

Mr. Kreiner suggested that Mr. Tom Kreiner follow up with the County Sherriff as well.

Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked Mr. Fox where the proposed subdivision property was, that the Planning Board was concerned about. He said it was on Pigeon Hill.

She also asked when Foster Park was going to be painted. Mr. Kreiner said it would not happen until late spring. Ms. Fairbanks said she would be willing to paint it if need be. Mrs. Alger said she would keep her in mind.

Ms. Fairbanks asked for clarification on the operational progress of the cell tower. Mrs. Alger said that some people have reported that they are getting service now. AT&T has promised that everyone should get service by December 31.

Mr. Steve Kreiner asked if Mrs. Alger had heard anything about Verizon adding on the new cell tower. She said no. Mrs. Alger said she would ask AT&T about it.

Mr. Williams made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:32pm.

At 7:40pm, Mr. Kreiner made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mrs. Alger announced that the next meeting will be on January 10, 2022 at 6:30pm.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. Mr. Williams made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted by,".

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

December 21, 2021