

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

**MARCH 22, 2021**

**6:30PM**

**PRESENT: SUPERVISOR GRACE NUCERO-ALGER**

**COUNCILMAN DANIEL MEYER**

**COUNCILMAN JERRY KREINER**

**COUNCILMAN FRANK WILLIAMS**

**COUNCILMAN GARRY JAMES**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RODNEY OAKLEY**

The Town Attorney, Mr. Gregory, updated the Board on the progress of the cell tower project. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to approve the Proposed Resolution of Town Board to Grant Waiver and Grant Special Permit for Construction of Wireless Communications Tower. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the resolution was approved with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Gregory presented Mrs. Brown with a letter to be sent to Mr. George Santoire at Airosmith Development informing him of the Board's approval for him to proceed. Mrs. Brown will sign and send the letter in her capacity as the Town Clerk.

Mr. Oakley asked Mr. Gregory if the Town Highway Dept. could have a paper to be signed by property owners that refuse to let the Highway crew cut overhanging branches, releasing the Town from any possible liability caused by said branches. Mr. Gregory said that the Highway crew has a right to cut anything that overhangs the road without anyone's permission because it is the duty of the Highway crew to keep the roads safe for passage.

Mr. Kreiner asked how long it would take to do a referendum. Mr. Gregory said typically 45 days. Mr. Gregory said he would look it up to be sure. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Gregory to go ahead with preparations for a special election to vote on a referendum.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Brian Franklin gave his report. It is on file in the Town Clerk's office. He said that a resident had found a pup that was emaciated and full of porcupine quills and took it to Pet Street Station. After giving the dog some shots and pulling the quills, they contacted Mr. Franklin about payment. He was able to negotiate an agreement where Pet Street waived the cost of the care for the pup. The dog was taken to the SPCA.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Steve Fox reported another quiet month. He brought Sam Clemens to court. His situation is improving. Mr. Fox also reported that Forrest Sayles is improving his property as well. He checked on a septic complaint in South Plymouth. He will go back for testing when the ground thaws out. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Fox to check into a property on County Rt. 21 in the Village of Plymouth.

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

- The crew has been brooming.
- They have pulled off the wings and head plows from the trucks.
- Cutting brush on Pike Hill and Doing Road. They will go to Lower German Hollow next.
- Purchased a burned out truck from Hamilton to use for parts.
- Gave Mrs. Alger an Inter Municipal Agreement to be signed. Mrs. Alger will check into it.
- Mr. Oakley relayed to the Board about getting called out to remove a tree from the road. The firemen were there but said it was not their responsibility. Mr. Oakley presented the Board with the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines Response to Service Calls which was sent to him. A copy is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Franklin told the Board about an issue with the SPCA neglecting to secure the proper identification from people who bring in dogs. It is a requirement from the State, therefore, Mr. Franklin informed the SPCA that he will not sign any paperwork accepting responsibility for dogs by the Town unless such requirements have been met.

Mr. Franklin also expressed his concern about the Norwich Emergency Squad providing or not providing service to Plymouth and other Towns. Mrs. Alger said the County is working on the issue.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** The Town will be receiving some money from the stimulus initiative. Mrs. Alger proposed that some of it should be put toward the fund to build a new Town Highway garage. She asked for the Board's input. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Alger announced that starting with the April Board meeting, the meetings will be virtual through gotomeeting.com. The instructions to join will be publicized. When the County does allow the public to attend Board meetings, numbers will be limited. Therefore, gotomeeting.com would still be able to be used.

Mrs. Alger said that she wanted to appoint Debbie Friot to fill the vacancy on the Grievance Board. Mr. James made a motion to appoint Debbie Friot to the Grievance Board. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeases and no nos. Mr. Oakley said he would let Ms. Friot know about the appointment.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Mr. Kreiner encouraged everyone to contact members of the Fire Commissioners to express their feelings about the issue of cooperation between the Town and the Fire Department.

Sexual Harassment Training will be offered again soon.

The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Bills were reviewed and signed by the Board. 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. Kreiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Virginia E. Brown  
Plymouth Town Clerk  
March 30, 2021