

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## MARCH 9, 2020

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

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Alger. She led in the pledge to the Flag.

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and Mrs. Alger asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as sent. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Brian Franklin gave his report. He is currently trying to catch a dog that has been wandering around at the Reservoir. He has been handing out appearance tickets. His complete report is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

Mrs. Alger reported that AT&T's representative would not be there. Their paperwork was not ready yet. She expects them to come to the next meeting on April 13, 2020.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Tom Prisco reported on his activities for the month. A full report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Rodney Oakley informed everyone of the following Highway activities:

- Two trucks down.
- Brooming
- Patching
- School bus stuck on the Plymouth Reservoir Road.
- Presented the Planning Board with a contact number for a property owner who might be interested in selling his property for a possible site for the new Town Garage.
- Discussed with the Board about "dump locks" for the trucks. Mr. Oakley asked the Board to think about them.
- One Highway employee will be retiring in April. Mr. Oakley has someone in mind. Mr. Oakley will write up a job description and give it to Mrs. Brown to post on the website.
- Working with FEMA. March 16, 2020 Mr. Oakley will be meeting with them again.
- Roller is broken down. CAT is coming to look at it.

Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley to look at a pipe on the Hoag Childes Road that residents say is coming up through the road.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Rob Baker sent the Board a letter requesting permission to hold a Mountain Bike race in the Round Pond area on August 23. Discussion followed. Mr. Baker will attend the May meeting to discuss it with the Board. Members of the Board expressed their support.

Mrs. Alger reported that the Board had audited the Town Justice. Some issues were found. The Judge and her Court Clerk will be receiving help from some other Town Justices.

Linda Powell-Owens will be holding the Annual Town Easter Egg Hunt at Foster Park on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. She would appreciate help stuffing eggs. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Alger.

There will be a Town Finance School on May 14 & 15, and May 21 & 22. Any one interested should contact Mrs. Alger.

Charter Communication announced programming changes.

Mrs. Alger reported on the activities at the County Board meeting. They approved the new Occupancy Tax.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Mr. Kreiner made a resolution to accept the audit of the Town Justice that was recently done for 2019. Mr. James seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Kreiner made a resolution to approve the hiring of the Law Firm of Kaughlin & Gerhardt to do paperwork regarding the bonding needed to borrow money from NBT to pay for the new excavator. Mr. James seconded the resolution. There was some discussion. The Board was polled and the resolution was carried with four yeses and one no. Mr. Kreiner voted no.

Mr. Kreiner asked to see the new law that NBT says requires a law firm to write a bond for the loan that the Town wants. Mr. Meyer made a motion to table the Bond resolution until more information is available. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. Mr. Kreiner volunteered to investigate this issue.

The Board agreed to pay JCB out of the Highway Fund and replace that money when the loan came through.

Mrs. Brown asked for help with two maintenance issues. Mr. Kreiner said he would look into the matter.

Mrs. Brown presented the Board members with paperwork from the DEC that would be required by the State in order to make it possible for the Town Clerk to sell hunting licenses. She asked the Board to think about it.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Mrs. Sandy Pierce brought a new initiative to the Board that would help victims of natural disasters. She said that Shawn Cushman and she would like to coordinate with the Town Board to arrange an informational meeting at the Fire Hall in April. Several community leaders would be there to help inform people about this idea. She was directed to contact Jackie Kreiner about use of the Fire Hall.

Jamie Decaro expressed a complaint about the condition of Doing Road during snow storms. She and Mr. Oakley discussed the issue. Mr. Oakley said that plans were in the works to improve the general condition of Doing Road this summer which should make the plowing and sanding of the road more effective next winter. She complained about the highway drivers blowing the horn when they went by her house. Mr. Oakley complained about Facebook postings about the highway drivers. Mr. Kreiner suggested that complaints be made directly to Mr. Oakley and not through Facebook. He also said that the Town employees should not respond to any Facebook comments made about them or Town business.

Deasha Hill apologized for the post she put on Facebook. She was concerned about her daughter who was the only student left on the bus.

Tom Kreiner asked if there were signs on the ends of Pike Hill Road warning heavy trucks not to use the road. Mr. Oakley said yes.

Patty Giffith asked why Town road ditches were so deep. Mr. Oakley said that was the way Mr. Marshall built them. Mr. Oakley is gradually trying to correct the problem.

Marsha Watkin asked if there was any way to make the sharp curve on the road safer. She was very concerned about the dangerous condition. Mr. Oakley acknowledged the problem. He said he would try to make improvements when he grinds the road.

The next meeting will be on April 13, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed 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 passed with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned.

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 26, 2020