

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## NOVEMBER 12, 2019

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger  
Councilman Gary Simpson  
Councilman Daniel Meyer  
Councilman Lewis Somers  
Councilman Jerry Kreiner  
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

**ABSENT:** Councilman Jerry Kreiner (for the first vote)

Supervisor Grace Alger brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She led in the pledge to the Flag.

Mr. Somers made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting as sent. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Kreiner was absent.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Franklin's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. He suggested to the Board that the Town Laws regarding the control of dogs be updated.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Prisco's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Prisco will be attending court on November 13, 2019 to

follow up on five cases due to appear. He also reported that he had received two new complaints that he will be working on. There was a concern about an individual using a wood stove in a camper. Mr. Prisco said he would report it to the County and the Fire Marshall will take care of the issue.

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

- Dave Posson, Gutches Lumber, and Brett Seymour would like to have Deming Road abandoned by the Town. People have been using it to dump garbage.
- The Department of Homeland Security came to Plymouth to assess the damage done by the recent flood (October 31 – November 1, 2019). They estimated there was about \$75,000.00 in damage. Pigeon Hill Road has been repaired and Montgomery Road has been partially repaired.
- They have also been working on Boos Law Road, Morley Road and Porter Road to get them open for traffic.
- Trucks are all ready for the winter weather.
- Suite Kote asked about storing big rocks on old Route 23 that they are using to repair damage done to Route 23. Mr. Oakley gave them permission.
- The Town Ford pickup is being repaired.
- CHIPS paperwork has been filed.
- JCB brought an excavator down to be tried out. Mr. Oakley was pleased with it.
- Mr. Oakley also tried out their skid steer.
- Shawn Frye consented to letting the Town use a County a-frame for the plow truck.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Alger reported that she had received a phone call from Dan Schwigard concerning the placement of the proposed AT&T cell tower. After consulting with AT&T officials, Mr. Schwigard said that they are going to go ahead with the Cookhouse location. He will attend the December Town Board meeting and explain what the next steps will be in this process.

Mrs. Alger also said that the proposed retail business that is interested in a site on the corner of Rt. 16 and Rt. 21 in Plymouth has approved the quote. The surveyors will be coming to measure the site and get the process moving. The name of the business has not been released.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Mr. Kreiner made a resolution to adopt the list of Town Board Meeting dates submitted to the Board by Mrs. Alger. Mr. Somers seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was passed with five yeses and no nos. The resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

The Board addressed the issue of the Deming Road residents asking the Town to abandon the road. Mr. Kreiner asked Mr. Oakley to get a signed proposal from all the property owners on the road. In the meantime, Mrs. Alger will consult with the Town attorney concerning the proper procedure for abandoning a road.

The purchase of an excavator and a skid steer was discussed. The quote for the excavator with a five year guarantee was \$159,786.55 (from JCB). Mr. Oakley estimated that the Town would be able to get about \$28,000.00 for the trade-in on the old excavator. He said he was proposing to take the money for the excavator from the Capitol Reserve which would be \$140,090.00. The balance he hoped would come from the trade-in. Mr. Kreiner asked Mr. Oakley to get some references from other people who have used the same machine. He will e-mail the Board members with the information.

The skid steer Mr. Oakley likes is from JCB and has a telehandler arm. The cost is

\$83,318.81. Without the telehandler arm, the cost would be \$69,000.00+. Discussion followed. Mr. Simpson made a motion to purchase the skid steer JCB #3TS8T with the telehandler arm. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kreiner asked how the financing would be handled. Mrs. Alger said it would be financed. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and one no. Mr. Kreiner voted no.

Mr. Kreiner reported that he did get more information from Sandy Pierce. He has some questions for her, but she was not present at this meeting. He provided the rest of the Board with the new information he had.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Peter Hudiburg inquired about the condition of Daniels Road since the flood. Mr. Oakley said work would be done on it next year using FEMA money. Mr. Hudiburg also asked if anyone had seen any work being done on the street lights in Plymouth. Mrs. Alger said NYSEG tells her that "we are on the list" to have the lights changed over to LED. Mr. Hudiburg urged people to take advantage of solar power.

Tom Kreiner asked if anyone had expressed any intention to correct the flow of the Canasawacta Creek that caused so much damage during the last flood. Mrs. Alger said she had not heard anything. Discussion followed. Mrs. Alger said she would check with the County.

Mark Bennett pointed out that the parking lot lights have not been working. Mr. Oakley said he would fix them.

Ginny Brown expressed the Town's thanks for all the hard work the Highway Department did during the storm

Mrs. Alger announced that the next meeting would be on December 9, 2019 at 6:30pm.

The bills were reviewed and signed by the Board. Mr. Simpson made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Somers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simpson 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,

Virginia E. Brown  
Plymouth Town Clerk  
November 25, 2019