

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2019

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

Supervisor Alger asked for a moment of silence in honor of Beverly Rogers who recently passed away. Beverly served the Plymouth community well in many capacities. She will be missed.

Mrs. Alger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She led in the pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Alger asked the Board if there were any additions or correction to the September minutes. There were none. Mr. Somers made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Tom Kreiner asked what could be done about a barking dog that was

becoming a nuisance. Mrs. Alger said she would ask someone on the County Board. Mr. Somers pointed out that there was already a provision for dealing with this issue in the Town Law.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Prisco's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Progress is being made on several properties.

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

- Signs have been erected on Pike Hill Road on the Rt. 16 side.
- Cleaned the garage. Built shelves and stairs.
- Patching roads.
- Oil and stoned Porter, Impasse, and Blackman, Collier, Boos-Law Roads.
- Worked on shoulders on Collier and Blackman Roads with the assistance of the County Highway Department.
- Hired Brandon Shaw to cut down some trees.
- The NYMR insurance representative recommended that the crew use pre-trip books and that the Town purchase a television to use as a training tool. He also would like to see an improvement in the salt shed.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Alger expanded on the results of the NYMR audit. Mrs. Alger said that the insurance rep recommended that the Town get a panic button for the Judge. Mrs. Brown said the Town already had panic buttons for the Town Clerk and two for the Judge. He also recommended that the Town Hall be furnished with benches instead of chairs.

Mrs. Alger reported that she and Judge Branagan interviewed candidates for the Court Clerk position. They decided on Patty Murray. She will start work on October 21, 2019.

Mrs. Alger and Mr. Oakley attended a State Comptroller Seminar in Bath, New York. Mrs. Alger said that the Board needs to implement a couple of new policies and review all the Town policies on a yearly basis. Any changes on the existing policies would require a resolution.

The Association of Towns will be offering classes for newly elected officials in January.

Mrs. Alger had talked to the Sherriff's Department about the speed issue on Pike Hill. The Sherriff's Department recommended putting a speed trailer in place on that road to measure the speed being used and when the traffic is the heaviest.

Mrs. Alger reminded everyone about the fund raiser for the South Plymouth Cemetery that is being held on October 19, 2019 at the Norwich Grange. Mrs. Brown also mentioned the fund raiser that the South Side Cemetery was having. They were selling raffle tickets.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Mr. Simpson made a resolution to appoint Tomas Prisco as Code Enforcement Officer for a salary of \$3,200.00 for a term ending on December 31, 2020. Mr. Meyer seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Kreiner made a resolution to appoint Patricia Murray as the Court Clerk for a salary of \$2,500.00 for a term ending on December 31, 2020. Mr. Simpson seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Discussion was had about purchasing an excavator. Mr. Oakley will test drive two models that he is interested in and make a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

Discussion was had concerning purchasing a skidsteer. Mr. Kreiner pointed out that this piece of equipment would have to be financed. Mr. Oakley will research different quotes and models and get back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

It was decided to table the decision on purchasing a television for training purposes until a later date.

Mr. Oakley said that pre-trip books could be easily implemented by just purchasing note books. Mr. Oakley said there were pros and cons to keeping pre-trip books. Mr. Simpson said he thought it was a good idea.

Mr. Oakley said he would try to patch up the salt shed at the garage for the time being. He said that there is really not enough room for a new structure at the current Town Garage.

Mr. Dan Schwigard from AeroSmyth gave an update on the proposed AT&T cell tower. He stated that AT&T employees had rated the property on Cookhouse Road as unsuitable for various reasons such as the size of the property, the physical state the property is in, the road to the site being on a neighboring property and concerns about strong coverage. Therefore, AT&T wanted to continue to pursue the Morley Road site instead.

Many objections were raised by the Board and the audience. Mr. Kreiner pointed out that the DEC was involved with reclaiming the site so he was confident that it was done right, and that the site was good enough when the first proposal was done in 2010. Why isn't it good enough now? Other concerns were that the majority of the people in the Town and the Town's emergency services were NOT going to have cell service if the Morley Road site was chosen, and the validity of some of the statements made by AT&T after they sold the previous lease for the Cookhouse Road without the knowledge of the Town Board which was against the lease agreement. Mr. Simpson said that if the tower was to be erected on

Morley Road there would be no concession made by the Town for the requirements expected of AT&T. AT&T's representative admitted that they had signed a contract with the Morley Road property owner six months ago. He also admitted that the Morley Road property was not in compliance with the drop measurement requirements.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Sandy Pierce asked for a meeting with the Town Board concerning information that she had about a proposal to have the Town hold an easement on her agricultural property. She felt that the Board was not completely informed. Mr. Kreiner offered to look at any more information that she may have.

Peter Hudiburg complained about the Montgomery/Daniels Road curve which still had cobble rocks in the road. Mr. Oakley said he would get to it as soon as possible.

Rhonda Fairbanks suggested that the weeds around the Town Highway Garage plow sign be trimmed.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 12, 2019 which is a Tuesday.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. Mr. Somers made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Somers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

October 26, 2019