

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2022

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Frank Williams

Councilman Shawn Cushman

Councilman Garry James

ABSENT: Councilman Daniel Meyer

Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

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

She announced that virtual meetings would no longer be allowed per Governor Hochul.

She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular September meeting. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent. Mr. Cushman made a motion to accept the September Budget Workshop minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

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

- 9/24/2022 Stray dog on Rt. 21 – took to SPCA

- 10/6/2022 Dog bite on Rt. 19

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mrs. Alger read Mr. Fox's report as follows:

- Site visit to Tinker Ridge to follow up on the complaint about a tent city. I found that Richard and Tonya Pierce have bought the property and are staying there in a camper. They do have one tent set up as well. Asked them to keep the area picked up and properly dispose of their garbage.
- Court visit for John Buffa. The property has been cleaned up by their daughter who is now living at the house. Withdrew the Town's case against them.
- Site visit to 311 Sherburne Four Corners Rd. Spoke with Brandon Cullipher about the garbage and debris. He agreed to clean it up.
- Septic complaint on 190 Elmer Harris Rd. Concerned about the neighbor putting in a new leach field too close to his well. No work has been started yet.
- Went to Ralph Felter's Property again. He has not fenced in his animals yet. His goats and pigs are still running loose and destroying Brock Manwarren's property. Sent the Ag & Markets Model Fence Law to Grace and gave a copy of it to Ralph. I explained to Ralph that Brock could sue him for the property damage. Spoke with the State Police about the problem. They are aware of the animal problem as well as other issues that Brock and Ralph are having.
- Went to cell tower and cleaned up garbage there.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Rodney Oakley was absent.

Mrs. Alger gave the following report:

- Put shoulders on German Hollow
- Repaired truck #2
- Hauled 1As from Callannan
- Oil and stoned Doing Road and German Hollow
- Cleaned out the beaver dams on Blackman Road and Porter Road
- Installed culvert on Pigeon Hill (check given to Mrs. Alger)
- Replaced culvert on Cookhouse Rd. on the Pigeon Hill side.
- Helped the County put shoulders on Co. Rt. 17
- Grader is fixed and running again
- Fixed Mrs. Race's driveway on Canasawacta Terrace
- Added gravel to a couple of driveways on Doing Rd. that had a very steep approach after paving
- Waiting for parts for skid steer
- Installed culvert on Cookhouse Rd. Pike Hill side
- Fixed Porter Rd. from water running over from beavers again
- Built a V shaped fence for the end of the culverts on Blackman Road and Porter Road to deter beavers
- Helped Columbus pave out gravel on 2 of their roads
- Replaced culvert on Inman Rd., reshaped ditch to match culvert, Jason Grey residence
- Installed culvert on Chan Aldrich Rd., Thomas Norwood residence
- Cleaned Garage in preparation for winter
- Helped Pharsalia haul sand
- Cold patch pot holes on all roads

- Fix turnarounds on Montgomery Rd., Cole Rd., and Stevenscrest Rd.
- Got plow frames and wings on trucks
- Clean culvert on Sherburne Four Rd.
- Fixed pipe on Morley Rd., Pete Browning residence
- Fixed Rothwell's guide rails

Mrs. Alger then read a list of jobs the crew plans to work on:

- Patch holes on Pierce Rd., Balf Rd., Morley Rd. and Hoag Childs Rd.
- Fix Old State Rt. 23 Washout
- Clean culvert on Lower Doing
- Clean culvert on Jackson Road and clean the ditch
- Fix public complaints as they arise.

Mrs. Alger said she had asked Mr. Oakley to provide an update on the worked planned going forward including expected dates of completion. She reported that she had received two checks for culvert pipes, one for \$224.00 and \$238.00.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger reported that she had looked into the UTV issue. She had copies of North Norwich's newly approved local UTV law which she passed out to interested parties. She had talked with the Town attorney about it and he will get back to her by the next Town Board meeting.

The Board was informed of two properties to consider for the cite of the new Town barn. Mr. James went to look at one of them and found it to be unacceptable. The second one would not be feasible because it is too small.

Mrs. Alger relayed to all that the annual Breakfast with Santa will have to be done differently. Santa was all booked for the whole month of December. Mrs. Powell-Owens and Fire Chief Ray are working together to come up with another idea. Mr. Tom Kreiner advised that the Fire Commissioners should be the ones to communicate with about such events. Mrs. Alger asked Mrs. Powell-Owens to give her a quote on the cost before she finalized plans.

Mrs. Alger let everyone know that Charlene DeSha will be heading up the Trunk or Treat event to be held on October 31, 2022 in the Town Hall parking lot from 5pm to 8pm. Ms. DeSha said that the Fire Department wanted her to get permission from the Town Board to hold the event. She said that the Fire Commissioners had already given their approval.

Mrs. Alger reminded the Board about the following up coming meetings:

- November 1, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting at 7:00pm
- November 2, 2022 Union Negotiation Meeting at 6:00pm
- November 7, 2022 Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:00pm

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. James made a motion to approve of the Trunk or Treat event. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos.

Mr. James read the American Rescue Plan Resolution. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the Resolution was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mr. James made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was

passed with four yeses and no nos. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:58pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session. Mr. Williams made a motion to return from the Executive Session. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent. The regular Board meeting reopened at 7:07pm.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Steve Kreiner asked why Mr. Oakley was not at the meeting. Mr. James said the Board had no idea. He said that would be a question for Mr. Oakley. Mr. Oakley told Mrs. Alger he would be back on Friday. Mr. Kreiner asked if he got paid vacation. Mrs. Alger said yes. Ms. Fairbanks asked how much vacation he was entitled to. Mrs. Alger said that was a conversation she had to have with the Town attorney. She said she would let everyone know next month. Mrs. Alger said Mr. Roy Marshall has been covering for Mr. Oakley. She said the crew has been doing a very good job under the circumstances.

Mr. Tom Prisco asked how the potholes were being filled. He said their method was not working. Mr. Cushman explained how it was done.

Ms. Patty Murray asked if it would be possible to find a different Santa for the children's event. Mrs. Alger said she would look into it.

Ms. Murray also expressed her concern about the proposed UTV law. She worried about what it would do to the roads. Mr. James passed out more copies of North Norwich's UTV Law for reference. Discussion followed.

Ms. Murray also asked if the Town were to purchase something with the American Rescue money, would the Board be obligated to have a referendum. Mrs. Alger said no. Ms. Murray also asked for clarification of the second part of the American Rescue Resolution. Mr. James said that anyone who worked through the pandemic and met other guidelines put forth by the State could receive premium pay as part of the COVID relief plan. Ms. Murray asked if that was for everyone or just Town employees. Mr. James said it was for just Town employees. Ms. Fairbanks asked why there was only one person left on the Planning Board. Mrs. Alger said they did not know that for sure yet. There was discussion about minutes being taken at the Planning Board meetings. Ms. Murray volunteered to do that. Mrs. Brown suggested having the Planning Board make a monthly report to the Board of their activities. Mrs. Alger agreed. Ms. Fairbanks expressed her interest in being added to the Planning Board.

Mr. Steve Kreiner asked that the website be updated to include the last three months of meeting minutes. Mrs. Brown said it would be done and apologized for that oversight.

Mrs. Alger announced that the next regular Board Meeting would be Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30pm.

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

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 printed name and title.

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
November 1, 2022