

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

APRIL 14, 2025

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Patricia Murray
Councilperson Ray Elsworth
Councilperson Tim Manwarren
Councilperson Rhonda Fairbanks
Councilperson Brett Wightman
Highway Superintendent Louis Redenback

Supervisor Murray brought the meeting to order. She led in the pledge to the Flag.

Ms. Murray asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 10th, 13th, or 25th meetings. There were none. Mr. Manwarren made a motion to approve all three minutes. Mr. Elsworth seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Franklin submitted his report which can be seen at the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Franklin stated that he would like to order a live trap under the condition that when the bill comes he will get paid for it. The Board agreed.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Louis Redenback gave his report which can be viewed at the Town Clerk's office.

He informed the Board that he had not heard anything about the CHIPS money for this year yet.

He presented the Board with a quote for a F550 truck without a dump box. The truck would have a plow and wing. He said he planned on trading in the pick-up. He will get more quotes if the Board decides to proceed with this.

Mr. Redenback said that he sent the grader to CAT to have the transmission repaired on April 11, 2025.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Mr. Doug O'Hara reported that there was no meeting for April due to the lack of a quorum. He said he planned on sending the Board members the survey that the Planning Board had been working on to get the Board's input.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Shelly Ciborowski recounted the activities that took place at the Easter Event, which went very well. Her report can be viewed at the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Manwarren gave a Records Room update. He and Mr. Redenback traveled to Pennsylvania to purchase 6 used fireproof filing cabinets. He saved the Town \$27,000.00 by buying used cabinets. The Town Clerk's files were moved into the Town Clerk's Office. The keys to the Records Room were handed over to the Town Justice.

Ms. Murray said that she, Mr. Manwarren and Mr. Redenback met with a NYSERDA representative concerning grant money. The representative

gave them all the particulars for what qualified for the grant. Plans were discussed for installing mini splits in the garage.

Mrs. Brown informed the Board that Mrs. Branagan asked to use the Town Hall for a meeting of the South Plymouth Cemetery Association on May 27, 2025 at 6:30pm. Mr. Wightman made a motion to allow them to use the Town Hall. Mr. Manwarren seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeases and no nos.

Mrs. Kathryn Clemens said she had gone to the State Police about Facebook issues. She expects to have no further problem.

She expressed her concern that the Town Clerk's bank accounts were not interest bearing accounts. That was in the process of being rectified. She also said that the individual sheets that were done in the audit, should be attached to the minutes.

She suggested the Town Clerk should use a check scanner.

Mrs. Clemens handed out a publication that gave an opinion on what should be in meeting minutes.

Mrs. Collier asked if she could have a bulletin board and a copy of the U.S. Constitution put up in the court room. The Board agreed.

Mr. Wightman read part of the publication that supported the Town Clerk's position on writing the minutes.

Ms. Murray had received an agreement from the SPCA for an extension on the Town's contract with them.

There was discussion about moving forward with the response to the State Audit.

Mr. Elsworth brought up the question on when Foster Park should be opened. Mr. Manwarren said that he would notify the Town Clerk when the park is ready.

Mrs. Sandy Pierce emphasize that communication is key. She said that her non-profit had set up a Facebook page for the Town. She wanted

to draft an agreement with the Town for the operation of the Facebook page. Mr. O'Hara joined the conversation and said this was not for the comprehensive plan survey. Mr. Wightman felt that this was the responsibility of the non-profit, not the Town.

Mr. Franklin inquired about ISLED which is being done in South Otselic. It can happen when a person does not show up to answer a ticket they have been given by the Dog Control Officer. It would prevent a person from getting their license renewed if the ticket had not been satisfied. Judge Collier said she thought it was TSLED and only applied to traffic tickets.

Mr. O'Hara expressed his concern about junk violations in Town. Mr. Wightman said that he emailed the Town's current Junk Law to the attorney to see if there should be any changes done to make the law more enforceable. He is still waiting for a reply.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. Mr. Wightman made a motion to pay the bills. Ms. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Manwarren made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wightman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk