

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## DECEMBER 9, 2019

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

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

She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November meeting. There were none. Mr. Somers made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeases and no nos. Mr. Kreiner also made a motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing Budget meeting. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeases and no nos.

**DOG CONTROLL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Franklin gave his report to the Board. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Prisco gave his report to the Board. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Prisco reported to the Board that the County Code Enforcement Officer had discussed with Mr. Prisco that he would like to see something done about people living in campers year around. Mr. Prisco also said that Judge Branagan would like to impose a surcharge that would increase if the offender did not come to court or satisfy the court's orders.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Oakley said he had met with FEMA to assess the damage around the Town caused by the October 31 flood. They estimated the damage to be around \$75,000.00. Most of the repairs have already been made.

Mr. Oakley also reported on the following:

- Flood damage has been repaired on Porter Road, Montgomery Road, Pigeon Hill Road and Boos-Law Road.
- The crew has been plowing and sanding.
- They have cleaned out beaver dams on Inman Road, Porter Road and Doing Road.
- A couple of mailboxes had been hit and Mr. Oakley had made provisions to replace them.
- The salt shed has been patched up to get through the year.
- JCB called Mr. Oakley and said they would drop \$1,000.00 off the extended warranty if the Town was interested in it.
- The new machinery will be delivered on December 11, 2019.
- The pickup came back from repair and blew a hose. It is now fixed.

- An inventory of the Highway Department will be provided to the Board in January.

Mr. Dan Schwigard reported to the Board that he met with AT&T and told them how the Town was set on the Cookhouse Road for the cell tower. AT&T decided to go ahead with the Cookhouse site. Engineers and surveyors have worked on the site. A balloon float will be needed. Mr. Schwigard expressed that he would like to move the actual location of the tower closer to Pike Hill Road. There was no objection. The Board also agreed to an engineered balloon float simulation. Mr. Schwigard will be back for the next Town Hall meeting to give an update on the process.

#### **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Town Officials Classes offered by NYSTC Assn.
- Charter Communications programming changes.
- Association of Towns Training Brochure.
- Southern Tier Clean Energy Brochure.

Mrs. Alger reported that the County is not aware of any mitigation plan for the Canasawacta Creek flooding concern. Matt Beckwith discussed the issue with Mrs. Alger and said he will work with the State and see if some kind of solution can be reached. Mrs. Alger said she also gave Tom Kreiner a name and number of someone from the State that wants to hear from property owners that have experienced loss due to the Creek's overflow.



Mrs. Alger checked on the progress of the LED lighting conversion for the street lights in Town. NYSEG said progress is slow because they employ contractors.

Mrs. Alger stated that there was nothing new on the commercial project on the corner of routes 16 and 21 that is in the works.

Mrs. Alger said the Town attorney has not gotten back to her concerning the abandonment of roads.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** The Board discussed the extended warranty offered by JCB for the new excavator and skid steer. Mr. Oakley said the Town had 90 days to decide whether they want it. It was decided that the decision would be made in January.

Mr. Kreiner made a resolution to authorize the appropriation and transfer of funds for the purchase of 3TS-8T teleskid tracked skid steer. Mr. Dan Meyer seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was passed with five yeses and no nos. Resolution 12-1-19 is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Mrs. Alger thanked Mr. Simpson and Mr. Somers for their contributions and service to our community. They will be completing their terms at the end of the month.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Sandy Pierce expressed her concern about the Canasawacta Creek erosion. She said that there is a grant available to help the situation but a lot of information is required. She asked if the former Watershed Committee's records were available. Mrs. Brown said they are in the Records Room and she would be welcome to come

in and go through them. She asked the Town Board to reinstitute the Watershed Committee. The Board asked for more information about what the expectations of a Watershed Committee would be. Ms. Pierce will e-mail information to Mrs. Alger.

Ms. Pierce also asked if the Town of Plymouth had a Right to Farm law. The answer was yes.

Ms. Pierce also asked if the Board had ever found anyone to publish a Town newsletter. Mrs. Alger said no.

Ms. Pierce asked if anyone on the Board had any questions or comments about the information she provided concerning the Farmland Protection Easement. Mr. Kreiner said he had some questions but didn't have them with him. He agreed to e-mail them to Ms. Pierce.

Discussion was had about what could be done about the flooding of the Cansawacta Creek.

The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2020 at 6:30pm. The organizational meeting will be held at 7:30pm.

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

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown".

Virginia E. Brown  
Plymouth Town Clerk  
December 17, 2019