

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD

## SPECIAL MEETING

### JANUARY 4, 2022

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Daniel Meyer

Councilman Garry James

Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

**ABSENT:** Councilman Frank Williams

(One Councilman's seat vacant)

Supervisor Alger opened the meeting at 5:15pm. She informed everyone that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible purchase of property on State Route 23 for the site of a new Town garage. She asked Mr. Oakley to explain everything about the property. Then she asked everyone to ask questions and take a vote.

Mr. Oakley said the following:

- There is almost 85 acres.
- The inside space of the garage is 50'x60'. One side has an apartment which could be used for an office or parts storage.
- It has two overhead doors. One is 14' x 16' and one is 16' x 12' which would be perfect for equipment storage.
- It has radiant heat flooring.
- He thought the Town could work on building a Town barn and possibly a Town park.
- There is a possibility that a gravel bed could be there.
- There is a gas line lease that would go with the property when sold.
- The price is \$325,000.00.

Mr. Oakley said he thought it would be in the best interest of the Town to purchase the property. He said the Town has been talking about it for a long time. The Town garage that they are using now is in very bad repair. The DEC has been giving him a hard time about the sand and salt being too close to the creek. The water there is not drinkable.

Discussion followed about other possible properties.

Mr. Steve Fox asked why such a big piece of property was needed. Mr. Oakley said he didn't need that much. He suggested that the Town keep 20 acres and sell the rest. Mr. Fox also asked about the house that is on the property. Mr. Oakley said his intention would be to tear it down.

Mr. James said he thought that the piece was way too big for what the Town needs.

Mrs. Alger said that Mr. Williams e-mailed her and said it would be too costly to purchase this property.

Mr. Fox suggested that it might be better to fix up the existing garage. Mr. Oakley said that there was no room for what he needs. Mr. Fox asked what size building he would like. Mr. Oakley said 60' x 200'.

Mr. Oakley expressed his frustration at the inaction of the Planning Board and the Town Board.

Mrs. Alger said she was really concerned about the cost. She worried that if all the money the Town had saved for this project was spent on the land only, it would be a long time before the money could be found to build the buildings needed to make the property useable.

Mr. Fox asked about the possible gravel bed that might be on the property. He suggested that samples be taken before anyone counted on this possibility.

Mrs. Alger recommended that the Town pass on this property. She said she would assign the Planning Board to meet with Real Estate people and vigorously work to find a piece of property. Mr. Oakley said the Town will have a very hard time finding a piece of property. He said he wanted it put in the minutes that in

10 years the Town would still be sitting in the same spot they are now. He also wanted it noted that the Town garage presents hazardous conditions and he won't be responsible because he warned the Town.

Mrs. Alger said she would have the Planning Board get in touch with Mr. Oakley to discuss the requirements needed for a new garage.

Mr. Fox asked the Board if they would be interested in putting some money in fixing up the existing garage. He volunteered to go to the garage and see what it would take to make the garage safer.

Mrs. Alger said she would talk to Mrs. Powell-Owens about her property. She asked Mr. Fox to go ahead with his idea of checking out the garage for possible improvements.

The general consensus was that the property on State Highway 23 was out.

Mr. James made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with three yeases and no nos. Mr. Williams was absent and one Board position was vacant.

The meeting was adjourned.

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 typed name.

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

January 17, 2022