

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #2

6:15PM

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

JUNE 14, 2021

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Jerry Kreiner
Councilman Frank Williams
Councilman Garry James
Highway Supervisor Rodney Oakley

These meetings were held virtually.

Supervisor Alger brought the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 to order at 6:15pm. Mrs. Alger explained that Local Law #2 was to remove jail time penalties from all the local Town laws presently on the books. She then opened the meeting to anyone who had any questions or concerns. Mr. Rob Baker asked for a further explanation. Mrs. Alger asked the Town Attorney to expound on that. Mr. Gregory said that this only applies to local minor infractions.

Mrs. Sandy Pierce asked if the reason the Town decided to do this was to conform to the State. Mr. Gregory further explained that it was partially the reason and also this action would enable the Town to handle minor infractions with more efficiency.

Mr. Baker asked if the jail time penalty was removed from local laws, would it be impossible to impose that penalty at a later date, for instance after repeated infractions. Mr. Gregory said it would.

Mr. Baker asked if the Board was going to vote on the Local Law #2 immediately. Mrs. Alger said yes. There were no other comments.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to adopt Local Law #2 of the year 2021 known as Repealing Jail as a Possible Penalty for Town Petty Offenses. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Supervisor Alger brought the June Board Meeting to order at 6:30pm. She led in the Pledge to the Flag.

She asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Kreiner pointed out three corrections that needed to be made. Mrs. Brown will make those corrections. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to approve the May minutes with corrections. 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: As presented by Mr. Brian Franklin:

5/27/21 Dog bite Demming Rd

6/1/21 stray dog rte23 owner found

6/3/21 stray dog rte 16 owner found

6/4/21 stray dog rte 44 owner found

6/11/21 Dog complaint rte 44

Bought Chrome book laptop instead of tablet didn't get invoice but around 400.00
Follow ups and license checks

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Steve Fox reported that he had been in touch with the following:

- Bill Johnson about the vehicles on his property
- Brian and Kelly Cushman who are not complying with his request to clean up
- Forrest Sayles who has moved making it difficult for Mr. Fox to catch up with him
- Brent Stone who has cleaned up some
- Mr. Buffa has removed some vehicles but still has quite a bit of garbage.
- Sam Clemens has worked hard and improved the condition of his property on Rt. 23. But he stills needs to work on his two other properties.
- Mr. Adamow has made improvements

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Fox to check into the conditions on the Jackson property on Rt 16.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Rodney Oakley gave the following report:

- Presented the Board with two checks for scrap totaling \$230.00
- Received a letter from Homeland Security about the next check from New York State. Mrs. Alger said she had already received the check.
- The crew has been patching Elmer Harris, Cottage Lane and down the hill.
- The County has the paperwork done for Old Rt. 23, Mr. Oakley will pick it up and figure out what the DEC wants done so he can get started on it.
- Another project that will involve the DEC will be on Daniels Road where the bank is sliding down into the creek.
- The Mining Permit is coming due soon for the Bennett Gravel Bed. Mr. Oakley talked to Tom Slate who is interested in taking over the permit. Mr. Oakley gave Mr. Slate the paperwork needed.
- Mr. Oakley asked what the Board thought about bonding the roads. Discussion followed.
- Reported that other Towns have started selling a yearly permit that would allow UTVs to use Town roads. Mr. Oakley suggested the Town might think about it. Discussion followed.
- Asked the Board to consider a loader trade in. Mrs. Alger wanted to go over the budget before a decision can be made.
- Got no bids on the tractor and rake that was put up for auction. Mrs. Brown asked Mr. Oakley when he was planning on putting up the sign that Charlene DeSha asked for almost 2 years ago. He said he ordered it and would get to it soon.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger reported that Judge Fox turned in a check for \$1,178.50 for May fines.

Mrs. Alger presented the Board with copies of the Town's purchasing policy, and asked them to review it and get back to her by July 5 if they have any revisions or concerns.

Mrs. Alger reported that the County Board of Supervisors voted to allow 12 and 13 year olds to hunt deer with a fire arm or a crossbow with and adult.

She announced that starting with the August Town Board Meeting, the public will be invited to attend in person. A person who wishes to attend must be fully vaccinated. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Fox will determine how many people will be allowed in the meeting. The option to call in will still be available.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mrs. Alger opened the discussion concerning bonding the Town roads. It was decided that more information was needed. Mr. Oakley will research it.

Mrs. Alger asked how everyone felt about the UTV issue. It was decided to hold off on a decision until more is known about it.

Mrs. Brown relayed to the Board that there were several negative issues concerning Frontier. She said that she and Mrs. Alger felt that it may be time to consider another provider. The Board agreed.

Mrs. Alger will contact a Spectrum representative and get a quote.

Mr. Kreiner asked Mrs. Alger if the County was considering assessing an additional fee to any vehicle registration. She said it had been discussed. It has not yet been approved. Everyone was not happy with this idea.

Mr. James made a motion to move into Executive Session. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:23pm.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to resume the regular Board meeting. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The regular Board meeting was resumed at 7:40pm.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Steve Kreiner asked why Mrs. Alger was waiting for August to open the meetings to the public. Mrs. Alger said she was following State guidelines. Mr. Kreiner asked if everyone on the Board was fully vaccinated. They all answered yes.

Mrs. Alger said that the next Board Meeting would be on July 12, 2021 at 6:30pm.

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

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
June 24, 2021