

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## MAY 13, 2019

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Daniel Meyer

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

Mrs. Alger asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April meeting. There were none. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeases and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Brian Franklin reported that he had two stray dogs and returned them to their owners. He presented the Board with a Dog Control Officer Incident Report that he will be using going forward. His report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Mrs.

Alger said that the catch pole that Matt Bates had has been recovered. It will be kept in the Utility Room at the Town Hall.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Tom Prisco was unable to attend the meeting, so he submitted his report to Mrs. Alger. She gave everyone an overview of the report. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Mrs. Alger discussed the issue with the Town Attorney. He advised her that the cases that are already with the Court can not be discussed. A lengthy discussion was had about the problem the Town is having with properties that are littered with garbage and sewage. Mr. Prisco is getting very little help from the County Code Enforcement Department. Different ideas were offered about how to police these issues. It was finally decided by all attending Board members that the Court should handle it. Mrs. Alger was informed that someone was living in one of the condemned dwellings. She said she would contact the Sheriff's office about it.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Rodney Oakley said the Highway crew has been brooming roads, mixing patch, patching pot holes, and hauling stone. The box has been put on the 2008 truck. They leveled off Porter Road. They worked on the driveway for the fire hydrant on Rt. 16 and provided some signs to indicate where the hydrants are. Mr. Oakley asked the Board for their approval to hire a part time summer person. Mr. Kreiner asked where the money was going to come from. Mr. Oakley said he could take it from the Highway

General Repairs account. Mrs. Alger was concerned about how this would affect the budget for 2020. Mr. Oakley reported that the Extreme Winter Recovery money previously paid to the Town would no longer be available. That would mean a loss of almost \$32,000. At the end of 2019, the Pave New York program is ending so that means another loss of about \$38,000. Mr. Oakley is hoping for around \$100,000.00 from FEMA. More discussion followed. The Board was not in favor of the hiring.

Mr. Simpson let everyone know that he has been working with Mr. Oakley on eliminating some beavers. Beavers have become a major problem in the Town of Plymouth according to Mr. Simpson.

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

- Mr. Rifanburg sent a letter to let everyone know that Grievance Day will be on May 31, 2019 from 4pm to 8pm at the Town Hall.
- Schedule for the Norwich Youth Program
- Announcement for Drug and Alcohol Training for Supervisors of Truck Drivers from Emerson Testing
- Charter Communication programming changes
- News Update on Testifying at the FTC's Hearing on Consumer Privacy
- NYSEG street light agreement.
- Mrs. Alger informed everyone that she and Mrs. Brown attended a class on Training the Trainer for Sexual Harassment. The complaint forms for harassment are available outside the Town Clerk's office.

- Mrs. Alger also attended a seminar with Mr. Prisco on Zoning and Code Enforcement.
- Mr. Oakley and Mrs. Alger attended classes offered by the Association of Towns.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** The NYSEG street lighting agreement was discussed. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to select option A with white lights and authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement as such. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeases an no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Oakley about the status of the repairs on the 2008 truck. Mr. Oakley said the box is on, rear mud flaps are on and he is working on the switch for the tail gate. Mr. Simpson also asked if the tarp was on the new box and were the tarps on the trucks were being properly used. Mr. Oakley said they were. Mr. Kreiner asked what the process was if a driver was found not using a tarp. Mr. Oakley said they would first receive a verbal warning, then a write up, then another write up if needed.

Mrs. Brown asked the Board for advise her on how to handle a problem with a pending dog license that she has been waiting for a rabies certificate for a year. She is holding the money. She had been working through Matt Bates with no success. The Board advised her to call the dog owner.

Mr. Kreiner asked about the progress the Town attorney has made with the cell tower contract. Mrs. Alger said the attorney would get back to the Town by the end of the week with a draft with any changes on the lease agreement.

Mr. Kreiner gave everyone an overview of the Board of Education meeting that was recently held on the school budget.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Mr. Tom Kreiner expressed his concerns about the slow progress the Town has made with controlling the properties that have junk complaints against them. Discussion followed.

The next Town Board meeting is June 10, 2019 at 6:30pm.

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

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses an no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "V".

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk/Tax Collector

May 23, 2019