

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2021

6:30PM

PRESENT: Superintendent Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Daniel Meyer

Councilman Jerry Kreiner

Councilman Frank Williams

Councilman Garry James

Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

Supervisor Alger called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September meeting. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Steve Fox reported on the following:

- Performed a die test of the Jacob Lamb property. No die shown.
- Not much progress with the Sam Clemens property. Mr. Fox suggested that the Town could have the Highway crew clean up the site and add the cost to the tax bill. Mrs. Alger asked what other options there might be. Mr. Fox said the Town could wait for someone to take over the property at a tax sale.
- Hutching has added screening material to the existing fence.
- Forrest Sayles has passed away. Mr. Fox will have to start over with encouraging a cleanup on that property. Mr. Kreiner asked if Mr. Sayles was the owner of the property. Mr. Fox said he was.

- Followed up on a complaint on a property on Deming Road. Mr. Fox talked with the owner. Mr. Fox said it wasn't terrible.
- Mr. Fox spoke with property owners on the other side of Deming Road. They had made some progress but still have a long way to go.
- Sent Jerry Jackson a second notice of violation.
- John and Erika Buffa on County Route 16 did not make their court date. They had also received two tickets for burning from the DEC.
- Mr. Fox presented the Board with a New York State Property Maintenance Code concerning weeds. He had received a couple of complaints. He said it was up to the Board as to what to do about those complaints.
- Mr. Fox asked the Board to make a decision on the Application for a Junk Yard Permit from Mr. Hutchings. He also asked the Board to think about what they want to do with the control of weeds and with the Sam Clemens case.
- There is an issue with the James McCormic septic system that Mr. Fox will be working on.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Franklin reported the following:

- 9/13/21 Barking dog Rt. 21 Warning Given
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- 9/25/21 Barking dog German Hollow Rd. Warning Given
- 9/27/21 Welfare and Breeders license check Rt. 21
- 10/5/21 Dog dropped off in Homer Miscue from new DCO in Otselic
- 1/10/21 Barking dog Rt. 19 Warning Given
- Ordered Supplies
- Mr. Franklin said that the Pharsalia DCO is retiring. They had asked Mr. Franklin to take the position along with Plymouth. He asked the Board if that would be alright with them. He stated that if it became too much he would drop the Pharsalia position. Plymouth would be his priority. They had no problem with it.

- Mr. Franklin had a conversation with a woman who doubted the Town Law concerning barking dogs. Mrs. Brown will supply Mr. Franklin with a copy of the law.

Mr. Kreiner asked what the outcome was of the dog that was taken to Homer. There was confusion about what Township the dog came from. Mr. Franklin got it straightened out. The dog did belong to the Otselic Township. The Town of Plymouth did not incur any expenses.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Rodney Oakley reported on the following:

- Received the approved Application for Permit Transfer for the Bennet gravel bed to the Town of Pharsalia.
 - Working on Daniels Road.
 - Ground Doing Road and lower German Hollow Road.
 - Worked on shoulders on Old Rt. 23.
 - While Mr. Oakley was in Florida, the crew worked on cutting shoulders on the Jackson Road. He said there were pipes that needed changing, but he cannot get any culverts or couplings. No suppliers have them. He has ordered them, but has no idea when he might be able to get them.
 - After researching done by Mr. Oakley and Mrs. Brown, no proof has been found to show that Country Side, Homestead, and Ridgeview roads were ever adopted by the Town. Mr. Oakley said they are not listed on the Town Roads Inventory. Welch Road is not on the inventory either. Mr. Oakley said he needs to review the inventory for any corrections and bring it to the Board for approval.
 - Mr. Oakley attended a Fall Conference for Highway Superintendents.
- Mr. James mentioned that Roy Marshall passed his road test to obtain his CDL. He asked why Mr. Marshall had to take his test on another Town's truck. Mr. Oakley said two of the Plymouth trucks are broke down. Truck 7 was out for repair. That leaves four trucks that are running but they all have ABS lights on.

That is a very common problem with plow trucks, however, a test cannot be taken on a truck with lights on.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger informed everyone that at the County Supervisors' Meeting, it was revealed that the DEC wanted to extend the State's deer season with a program called the Holiday Deer Hunt. They did give Counties the chance to opt out. Snowmobilers and cross country skiers have raised an objection. Mrs. Alger invited everyone to contact the DEC to express their opinion on whether Chenango County should or should not opt out. The County has until November 14, 2021 to decide.

The Farm Protection Plan was discussed. Michael Cory from the Town of Smyrna brought up the fact that the farmers in New York State are taxed 3% more than any other farmers in the Country. The Planning and Economic committee is going to see if there is any way they can come up with something to help the New York farmers.

The Board recognized Mr. Steve Fox on being designated as the top Code Enforcement Officer in New York State.

Mrs. Alger announced that Mrs. Charlene DeSha will be heading up her Trunk or Treat event on October 31, 2021 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Plymouth Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate or bring their children to enjoy the Halloween treats!

Spectrum has begun working on the phone and internet systems at the Town Hall to change the service to them from Frontier.

Judge Fox presented Mrs. Alger with a check for \$675.00 for the month of September fines.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Kreiner made a motion to deny issuance of the Junk Yard Permit which was submitted by Mr. Hutchings due to the fact that all requirements have not been met and there is no proof that the applicant holds a current New York State license. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Williams proposed that the Planning Board work on the possible adoption of the 2020 Property Maintenance Code of New York State Section 302 Exterior Property Areas concerning the control of weeds and present their recommendation to the Board.

Mrs. Brown announced that she had started selling hunting licenses at the Town Clerk's office.

She also reported that she had received a FOIL request from Mr. Eric Crandall requesting a copy of the complaint that was filed against him for having garbage on his property. It was determined that there wasn't a formal complaint filed. It was relayed to Mr. Fox via e-mail from Mrs. Alger. Mr. Fox will send Mrs. Brown a copy of the e-mail to answer the FOIL request.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Scott Aldridge complained about a spot on Deming Road. The culvert is washed out. Some residents had asked that the road be closed off. Mr. Aldridge said he thought that would be difficult to do since a lumber company owns acreage on that road and would not be in favor of closing it.

Mr. Aldridge went on to explain the issues on Jackson Road including rocks washed down into the road, pipes torn out, holes that need to be filled, water running under the pavement, and a survey pin torn out as well. Mr. Oakley said he would go up there sometime next week and work on cleaning up the problems. Mr. Aldridge asked that the survey pin be replaced by the Town. Mr. Oakley said he would talk to Rhinevault Surveyors about the pin replacement. Ms. Carrie Kron , who also lives on Jackson Road, requested that Mr. Oakley open up the access road to her property and see if anything can be done about the increased run off on her property. She also needs to have her culvert replaced. Ms. Kron asked for 24 hours' notice when the culvert work will be done. Mr. Oakley agreed.

Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked about the hole near the corner of Morley Road. Mr. Oakley explained that the drainage from Rothwell's garage cannot flow into that ditch legally. Repairs will be on hold until a solution can be found for Mr. Rothwell's drainage.

Ms. Fairbanks asked about the progress of the cell tower. The crew is waiting for NYSEG to connect power to it. The tower is up. Mrs. Alger said she would follow up with NYSEG.

Mrs. Alger announced the date of the next meeting which will be Monday November 8, 2021 at 6:30pm.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. 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. Kreiner made a motion to adjourn. 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 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
October 26, 2021