



**Town of Plymouth
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Plymouth Town Hall
Plymouth, NH 03264**

April 1, 2019

Members Present: Mr. John Randlett, Chairperson, Mr. William Bolton, Mr. Bryan Dutille, Mr. Michael Ahern, Mrs. Katharina Kelsey.

Others Present: Mr. Paul Freitas, Town Administrator and Ms. Kathryn Lowe, Executive Director

6:00 PM: Mr. Randlett called the meeting to order with Mr. Dutille leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes:

- **March 18, 2019 Work Session** – Mr. Dutille made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bolton to accept the minutes as written. All in favor.
- **March 18, 2019 Non-Public Work Session Meeting Minutes** – It was noted that there was a typo in these minutes (confirmation on which board member seconded a motion) which will be corrected so they can be approved at the next Select Board Meeting.
- **March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes** – It was noted that there was a typo in these minutes (Road Band to Road ban) which Mr. Bolton made a motion to accept as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Dutille. All in favor.

Announcements:

- The Select Board will meet on the following dates:
Regular Meetings –6:00PM: Monday, April 15 and April 29, 2019.
Work sessions prior to the regular meeting will start at 5:00 PM.

- Spring Fling is April 26th and 27th 2019.
- Road bans for the Town of Plymouth will be in effect from March 1 through May 1, 2019. A list of the roads can be found at the Town Hall and on the Town website.

All of the above meetings will be held in the Town Hall, unless otherwise posted

- Citizens wishing to be listed on the Select Board's Agenda should notify the Town Hall before 12:00 PM the Friday before the scheduled meeting.

- Alternate members are always needed to fill positions on the Zoning and Planning Boards. If interested, please submit a letter of intent to the Plymouth Select Board's Office; 6 Post Office Square, Plymouth, NH 03264.
- The Board is starting a new Advisory Budget Committee and asks anyone with interest in serving to submit a letter of intent to the Plymouth Select Board's Office; 6 Post Office Square, Plymouth, NH 03264.

Chairman's Comments:

Plaque Presentation:

Correspondence:

Appointments: Select Board in receipt of a letter from Eleni Panagoulis requesting reappointment to Plymouth Parks & Recreation Commission. Motion made by Mr. Dutille to approve the reappointment of Elani to this Commission, seconded by Mr. Bolton. All in favor.

PSU Update:

Visitors:

New Purchase Orders:

Updates and Recommendations:

Personnel:

Carry-Over Requests:

Permit Requests:

Unfinished Business:

New/Other Business: Joe Fagnant, Manager of the Highway Department presented for a discussion on the Highway Department budget. He is now attempting to put gravel in the roads to assist with the mud on the dirt roads to avoid the 'Pass at Your Own Risk' as much as possible. However, also stated an unlimited budget is not an option and hopefully the Highway Department could just get through this winter. Mr. Randlett suggested that Mr. Fagnant defer to Mr. Freitas' list of those items that were priorities and those that were not and confer with him with any issues that Mr. Fagnant is concerned about in order to prioritize. Mr. Freitas confirmed that it has been a difficult three years for the Highway Department. The focus should be a concentration on safety for the employees and the public, pot holes, flooding conditions due to

pot holes, gravel roads and mud season. Striping of the lines was skipped last year due to the same issues, but due to safety reasons we need to stripe them this year, especially the crosswalks. Clerical work will now be done at town hall. Mr. Randlett confirmed that all departments have had the same budget for the past eight years. Mr. Ahern questioned the condition of Bell Road. Mr. Fagnant stated Bell Road has not had a chance to fully settle which will take a few years. Mr. Freitas confirmed that it will settle, and they did have the opportunity to asphalt to avoid this condition, however, the Board chose not to do that due to public concerns. That was not Mr. Fagnant's decision. Mr. Bolton said that the concern was with the asphaltting of Bell Road, people thought Old Hebron, which is a historical road, would end up being asphalted as well. Mr. Freitas confirmed that was never the case and there was no intention of ever paving Old Hebron Road due to the historical value. Mr. Bolton said there was pushback on paving Bell Road with people worried about speeding, etc. if it was paved. Mr. Freitas said 30% of the Highway Department budget is the maintenance of the 10 miles of dirt road in Plymouth. The grader was purchased in 1988. Mr. Freitas reminded the Board that there are some people who believe we replaced it 3 years ago with another used vehicle. He believes the roller is from 1943. Mr. Fagnant said, again, for \$35,000 I could purchase a new roller and part of the success of keeping the roads nice is the ability to seal. Mr. Ahern stated he met with the business owners a few weeks ago and fourteen businesses represented and mentioned how long the winter was and everyone was very appreciative of the snow removal work done on Main Street over the winter. Not one dollar of grant money was offered north of Tilton for the North Country. We have tied for first place three times now and didn't receive anything. Mr. Freitas stated we don't want to wish our life away, but July 1 will come and we will have a better budget on July 1. Mr. Fagnant said anyone who wants to come to Highway and see how they work or the budget committee wants their input they are more than willing to share it. Mr. Freitas suggested anyone who wants to be on the budget committee, write a letter of intent and come to town hall.

Committee Reports:

- Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee: Mr. Bolton as the Chair of this Committee stated they had met and there were two students from Plymouth Regional High School in attendance. The Committee discussed PVW&S doing a 48 hour well test on the school athletic field wells for the purpose of voiding 600 gallons of water per minute for 48 hours, which would be voided on top of the Pemi. A site survey was done and it was recommended that they could do it. But once again, they are going to be producing up to 600 gallons per minute which would satisfy Plymouth as well as Holderness school needs. Ultimately, it would replace the two wells currently in use. Plymouth and New Hampton received Aquifer Protection Grants through Lakes Region Planning Commission, for mapping aquifers for Plymouth. An overview of our

VRAP (Volunteer River Assessment Program) testing was done where we test water quality at 11 sites on the Pemi River. Testing will start in another month.

- **Planning Board**: Mr. Bolton also attended a Planning Board meeting and approved the site plan revision of the Irving Station/Convenience Store development. The Common Man is also going to be participating in this. They want to expand the footprint of the Irving Station to be 1300' larger and Granite State Convenience Store which is the Hooksett conglomeration that Common Man is involved in, are also going to be taking over the store from the Irving. A diagram of what it will ultimately look like is quite attractive and will be a nice addition out there. Planning Board officers were elected. Chris Buckley made the motion to accept the current officers and maintain them as is. Chair is Rebecca Hanson, Vice Chair is Chris Buckley and non-recording Secretary is Bridget Powers. They all agreed to maintain those positions. Mr. Bolton just wanted to call out to Mr. Miller in the back, who is initiating a program called "All in the Name of Plymouth", as an effort to acknowledge Plymouth. He pointed out there are over 30 Plymouths in the United States alone and he is going to be contacting other Plymouths. It should be an interesting project for Frank.
- **Conservation Commission**: Mr. Bolton attended a meeting on the 19th with the Conservation Commission and Deb McGlone had an interesting American Chestnut update. They will be rolling out fungal immune trees, which should be quite interesting and hopefully we'll be seeing some around soon.
- **Cultural Arts Night at PRHS**: Mrs. Kelsey wanted the Board to know she had the opportunity to attend this event and take a tour of the new addition and it is something to really be proud of. There is another opportunity for a tour this Wednesday at the Taste of Plymouth and she would encourage anyone to go – tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Chase Street. They will be giving tours again this week.

Public Comments: No Comments

6:49 PM – Mr. Ahern made a motion to go into Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a thru i), seconded by Mrs. Kelsey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Kenny