



Town of Plymouth Select Board Meeting Minutes Plymouth Town Hall Plymouth, NH 03264 July 22, 2019

Members Present: Acting Chairperson, Mr. William Bolton, Mr. Michael Ahern, Mr. Bryan Dutille, Mrs. Jenny Thibeault

Absent: Mr. John Randlett, Chairperson

Others Present: Ms. Kathryn Lowe, Executive Director

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

Approve Minutes:

- **June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Bolton tabled the approval of these minutes in the absence of Mr. Randlett and with a new Select Person, Mrs. Thibeault, who had not been appointed yet and was not present at this meeting. These minutes will be approved at the next Select Board meeting.
- **June 24, 2019 Work Session Minutes** – As stated above, these minutes will be approved at the next Select Board meeting.
- **July 8, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Ahern made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dutille to approve these minutes. Mrs. Thibeault abstained as she is new to the Board and was not present for this meeting. All in favor.
- **July 15, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Ahern made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Thibeault to approve these minutes. Mr. Dutille abstained as he was not present. All in favor.
- **July 15, 2019 Non-Public Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Dutille stated he was not present at this meeting however, the minutes have him present. These minutes will need to be revised. Mr. Ahern made a motion, which was

second by Mrs. Thibeault to approve these minutes after this correction is completed. Mr. Dutille abstained as he was not present. All in favor.

The following Non-Public Meeting minutes have been sealed: June 24, 2019 and July 8, 2019 and July 15, 2019.

Announcements:

- The Select Board will meet on the following dates:

Regular Meeting – 6:00PM: Monday, August 12th and 26th, 2019

Work sessions prior to the regular meeting will start at 5:00 PM

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

- A public hearing to accept unanticipated funds in the amount of \$16,500 from the US Department of Agriculture, Community Facility USDA Grant, for the Highway Department vehicle upgrades will take place on Monday, August 12 at 6:15 in the Town Hall.
- 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 Board, Conservation Commission and the Planning Board. If interested, please submit a letter of intent to the Plymouth Select Board's Office; 6 Post Office Square, Plymouth, NH 03264.

Chairman's Comments:

New Select Board Member - Welcome to new Select Board Member, Jenny Thibeault. Mrs. Thibeault has served the Town of Plymouth as Trustee of the Trust Fund and a Cemetery Trustee and will now be filling a vacancy on the Board until the 2020 March Elections.

Resignation - Karen Freitas, Plymouth Town Clerk, will be stepping down on October 1 for retirement. This will create a vacancy in this position which will be filled in the interim by the Deputy Town Clerk until the 2020 March Elections. The Board thanks Karen for her many years of dedicated service to the residents of the Town of Plymouth.

Northern Pass – This appeal was defeated by NH Supreme Court in the reconsideration of the SEC decision to stop the Northern pass project. A comment from Dick Hage of Plymouth was read by Mr. Bolton on this decision

thanking all residents and representatives for speaking out on this issue and assisting in preventing Northern Pass. Thank you also to Mr. Brian Murphy, Land Use Enforcement for the Town of Plymouth, for his testimony at the hearing on the adverse impact that would have occurred with the passing of the Northern Pass project.

Appointments:

- Advisory Budget Committee – Mr. Dutille made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Thibeault to reappoint Ted Wisniewski to this position. All in favor. The Board is currently in the process of selecting 3 other members to serve on this committee in an advisory role.

Trustee of the Trust Funds – Mr. Dutille made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Thibeault to appoint Ted Geraghty as Trustee of the Trust Funds. All in favor.

Visitors:

Updates and Recommendations:

Personnel:

Carry-Over Requests:

Permit Requests:

New/Other Business:

- Michael Mozer – NH Department of Transportation to discuss bridge preservation activities associated with BR 142/145 – US 3 over NH Route 25. Mr. Mozer discussed the needs of this project to this bridge which was originally constructed in 1965. The last inspection in 2019 showed the bridge to be in good condition, however, it is leaking water and preservation needs to be done to avoid major repairs in the future. Some work was done with the Interstate 93 construction project however the expansion deck is where this work will be focused. Traffic control is the main reason for this visit. Single lane traffic flow will be utilized as well as concrete barriers. The Ad date for contractor selection and approval is September 10 with construction occurring in Spring and Summer of 2020 which is expected to last approximately 4-6 months.
- Neil McIver – Correspondence received from Brian Murphy. Mr. McIver presented on the real estate transaction of Moitoza/Barlow. Mr. McIver requested more specifics on how the Town intends to resolve this issue. Mr. McIver would like clarification on the timeframe. Mr. Murphy spoke on this issue and stated that as of July 16 this matter has been resolved via a

Quitclaim Deed of Moitoza which was filed with the Registry of Deeds nullifying the previous Deed which was the issue at hand.

- Jane Hinkle – Paving of Town Roads. Ms. Hinkle expressed her concerns with Pleasant Street, as well as other roads in Town. Ms. Hinkle requested a timeframe on when some of these issues would be addressed, as well as if PSU could provide any funding in this area. The Board confirmed that with budgets remaining the same each year, it is difficult to complete some of these projects. The Board is hopeful that with the Tenney Mountain development, additional revenue will assist with these projects in the future. Grants are an option, as well, and are always being sought. Ms. Lowe stated the Town of Plymouth did have additional monies, as well as a road grant, which the State since revoked. Plymouth is now on a rotation for road grants, however that rotation will not occur until approximately 2025. While projects have been determined, funding is the issue and further revenue would be necessary. Ms. Hinkle stated with all the new businesses and restaurants in Town she believes we should be seeing additional revenues. However, she will reach out to our State Representatives on this issue to see if they can help in any way. Mr. Ahern also mentioned that while we do have new businesses and restaurants in Town, they are in buildings which already existed and that tax revenue was already being received so there is no increase per se on the tax revenue, the revenue stream remains consistent when businesses open in an existing building.

Committee Reports:

- **Planning Board Meeting** - Mr. Bolton stated at the last meeting of the Planning Board it was decided the Board will be visiting Tenney Mountain Highway on August 1 to review accessible use and maximizing different scenarios for development.

Public Comments: None.

6:47 PM – Mr. Ahern made a motion to go into Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel, b) Hiring, c) Reputation, d) Real Estate, e) Law Suits), seconded by Mr. Dutille. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Kenny