

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

January 17, 2013

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Plymouth County Commissioner's Office, 11 S. Russell Street, Plymouth, MA Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Gregory Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were County Administrator Brian McDonald, County Attorney Mark Gildea, Register of Deeds John Buckley, Chief Executive Assistant Marilyn Marvill, County Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Superintendent of Buildings Douglas Wedge, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept Payroll and/or Vendor Vouchers.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Acknowledge receipt of the following Personnel actions:

Maintenance Department:

Step Increase:

Michael Wholey, 5-1 to 5-2, Floating Bldg. Maint., \$20.03/per hr.

David Moran, 4-5 to 4-6, Custodian/Maint., \$20.43/per hr.

Thomas Jones, 20-1 to 20-2, Asst. Super. Of Bldgs., \$24.21/per hr.

Leave of Absence:

Carlota Krikorian, Custodian

Registry of Deeds:

Fill Existing Vacancy:

Timothy H. White, Esq., First Asst. Register of Deeds, \$92,744.50

Promotion:

Frances J. Abraham, Land Court Recorder, JG 14-4, \$20.23/per hr.

Step Increase:

Dennis Bates, 10-7 to 10-8, Recorder, \$18.55/per hr.

Christine Richards, 19-4 to 19-5, Info. Sys. Adm., \$26.27/per hr.

Charles DiPirro, 15-1 to 15-2, Info. Sys. Adm. Spcl, \$20.05/per hr.

Treasurer's Office:

Establish New Position:

Jeffrey Welch, Deputy Treasurer, \$60,000.00

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to accept the foregoing personnel actions.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes-January 2, 2013, January 7, 2013

Executive Session Minutes-January 7, 2013

Commissioner Hanley requested the opinion of County Attorney Mark Gildea regarding the meeting minutes of January 2, 2013 having been attended by the previous board and whether the current board could approve their minutes. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2013, January 7, 2013 and Executive Session Minutes of January 7, 2013. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction-Timothy White, First Assistant Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds John Buckley introduced Timothy White of Hingham as his appointee to the position of First Assistant Register of Deeds. Mr. White will be filling the position made vacant by the recent resignation of First Assistant Register of Deeds Michael Holden. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. White. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien- Presentation on structure of Finance Department

Treasurer O'Brien presented a reorganization chart for the Treasurer's office to the Commissioners for their review. Treasurer O'Brien proposes dividing the duties of the Assistant Treasurer into two new positions of Deputy Treasurer/Administration and Deputy Treasurer/Finance. Commissioner Hanley questioned whether the union employees would be affected by the change. Treasurer O'Brien responded "No", they would not be affected. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the reorganization chart of the Treasurer. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion re: South St. Landfill

Plymouth Board of Selectmen members; Chairman Matt Muratore, Vice-Chairman John Mahoney, Selectman Ken Tavares and Selectwoman Belinda Brewster, as well as Town Manager Melissa Arrighi and Department of Public Works Environmental Manager David Gould appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the capping of the South Street landfill currently being used by the Town of Plymouth on County land. Town Manager Melissa Arrighi will be the contact for the Town of Plymouth and the Commissioners will determine the contact for the County and plan a future meeting with Ms. Arrighi.

Introduction-Jeffrey Welch, Deputy Treasurer

Treasurer Tom O'Brien introduced Jeffrey Welch of Brockton as his appointee to the position of Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Welch will be filling the position vacated by Assistant Treasurer Dennis Gallagher. Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Welch. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Appointments

The Commissioners tabled the votes for appointments to the Correctional Facility Corporation, Board of Trustees to the Cooperative Extension, General Board of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group and Retirement Board to the next meeting.

An Act Relative to the Establishment of a County Stabilization Fund

Commissioner Wright made a motion to file the following legislation to establish a County Stabilization Fund:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. *Chapter 35, Section 28B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section (i) the following section:-*

(j) For the purpose of creating and maintaining a County Stabilization Fund the advisory board may appropriate in any year any amount as may be approved by a two-thirds vote. Any interest shall be added to and become part of the fund.

The Treasurer shall be custodian of said fund and may deposit the proceeds in national banks or invest the proceeds by deposit in savings banks, cooperative banks or in participation units in a combined investment fund under section thirty-eight A of chapter twenty-nine, or invest the same in such securities as are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the provisions of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight or in federal savings and loans situated in the commonwealth.

The County Stabilization Fund may be appropriated by the county commissioners with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the advisory board for any purpose.

SECTION 2. *This act shall take effect upon its passage*

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

NSTAR-Pole request

Mr. McDonald presented a request recently received from NSTAR concerning poles located on County property near the Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. Attorney Gildea will review the matter and advise the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of purchase, exchange or lease of real property and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and pending litigation, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 6:30 p.m. Chairman

Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes, Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant

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Pending Litigation-

Attorney Gildea discussed litigation concerning the County and the Plymouth County Retirement Board. The Commonwealth has filed a motion to dismiss.

Gravel Removal-

The Commissioners discussed the gravel removal from the 100 acre lot and pending permitting issues.

Collective Bargaining-

The Commissioners discussed upcoming collective bargaining meetings to be held with SEIU and OPEIU.

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