

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

March 25, 2016

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing strategy in respect to litigation for County of Plymouth v Department of Environmental Protection (docket PLCV14-01289) re. Plymouth Dump and South Street Transfer Station, the consideration of the purchase, exchange or lease of real property - "Wood Lot" shown on Assessors Map 88 as Lot 54, Plymouth, MA, and to update and discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the OPEIU Registry Union and the SEIU Clerical and Custodial Unions, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 9:10 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Wright – Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Update on South Street Transfer Station/Landfill Lawsuits

Administrator Basler updated the Commissioners with respect to the litigation case of the County of Plymouth v Department of Environmental Protection (docket PLCV14-01289) re. Plymouth Dump and South Street Transfer Station. According to Attorney Nagle: the Superior Court ruled for the DEP and against the County in our lawsuit. The County had a high bar of proving arbitrary and capricious behavior on the DEPs part. No further action will be completed in this case by Attorney Nagle. Concerning the law suit against the Town of Plymouth concerning 21 E grounds, Don Nagle will have a discovery list for the Town of Plymouth for the Commissioners to inspect within two weeks.

Update on Land Use and Contract Negotiations for the "Wood Lot"

Administrator Basler updated the Commissioners on a meeting and calls with Joe Balboni and Matt Shortsleeves of Solect – Mr. Balboni is willing to work with the County on a land swap off of Raffaele Road, Plymouth. The Commissioners supported to move forward with discussions with Mr. Balboni and to work through legislative action or procurement to finalize access into the Wood Lot. This access will allow Solect the access they need to move forward with the array project.

Update on Union Negotiations with the SEIU and the OPEIU

Administrator Basler updated the Commissioners on the negotiations meetings held with the OPEIU Registry Union and the SEIU Clerical and Maintenance Unions. All unions want to maintain steps and are looking to have COLA increases in the range of 2 to 4%. The Registry Union discussions have stalled and are the furthest apart. Different proposals were discussed as guidance for the Administrator and County Attorney in future discussions. Also the Commissioners supported the concept of offering a retirement incentive stipend to one or two members of the Clerical Union and asked the Administrator to move forward with the process.

Executive Session ended at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Basler
County Administrator