

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

May 23, 2016

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of the purchase, exchange or lease of real property - "Wood Lot" shown on Assessors Map 88 as Lot 54, Plymouth, MA, to update and discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the SEIU and OPEIU, and to discuss litigation with respect to the County of Plymouth v Department of Environmental Protection (docket PLCV14-01289) re. Plymouth Dump and South Street Transfer Station, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to return to open public session at 10:37 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

Executive Session Meeting Minute Acceptance

No motion.

Update on South Street Transfer Station/Landfill

Administrator Basler updated the Commissioners with respect to litigation for County of Plymouth v Town of Plymouth re. Plymouth Dump and 21E. Discovery and Interrogatories are being compiled and Attorney Nagle would like approval on commencing prior to serving them. Chair Pallotta asked for Attorney Nagle to come before the Commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

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

Administrator Basler sent an update last week that stated the solar project on the Woodlot was ended by Solect due to the high cost of the interconnection as determined by Eversource – it came in at \$600K instead of the earlier projected \$130K.

The Administrator is still working on access to the Woodlot, after receiving a proposal for the engineer work that Joe Balboni agreed to split with the County. Joe is willing to move forward with discussions on a land swap. The Administrator is working with the engineer surveyor to determine a scope of services and associated costs.

As directed by the chair, Administrator Basler talked to Bill Keohan, chair from the Plymouth Community Preservation Act Committee, to gauge interest in Plymouth purchasing the western side of the Woodlot with CPA funds. Mr. Keohan is very busy now and will send over dates that he could accommodate a meeting.

Update on Union Negotiations with the SEIU and the OPEIU

The negotiating team reached agreement with the Custodial Union on May 2. An overview of the agreement was handed out and the agreement was within parameters approved by the Commissioners at prior meetings. The custodians ratified their agreement on May 9. The Commissioners will vote the contract in public session.

The negotiating team reached agreement with the Administrative Employees Union on May 12. An overview of the agreement was handed out and the agreement was within parameters approved by the Commissioners at prior meetings. The administrative employees ratified their agreement on May 19. The Commissioners will vote the contract in public session.

Discussions followed on approval for all County employees for 1% stipend bonus, paid on FY16 budgeted salaries for all union employees that have a signed contract (as stipulated within the Custodial contract) and all nonunion employees.

No meetings have been held with the OPEIU negotiating team as they have changed the union representation and are not ready to meet with County representatives.

Motion made and seconded to end Executive Session and Return to Open Meeting. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes. Executive Session ended at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Basler
County Administrator