

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, December 21, 2020
Zoom Video Teleconferencing

The Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chairman Mark Russo. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

In Attendance:

Board of Selectmen (BOS): Mark E. Russo (MR), Chair, John A. Traynor, Jr. (JT), Clerk. Town Administrator: Elizabeth Dennehy (TA), and Selectmen's Assistant: Brigitte Martins. Selectwoman Christine Joy was absent from the meeting

Participants added to the call: Wage & Personnel Board Member Alan Wheelock, Jon Wilhelmsen, and Express Correspondent: Kristy Zamagni-Twomey.

Wage & Personnel:

This week the Board of Selectmen invited the Wage & Personnel Board to the meeting. Alan Wheelock a member of the Board gave the update to the BOS. The Wage & Personnel will be voting on the 1.3 percent cost of living (COLA) recommended by the Federal Government at their next meeting in January. The Board will be reviewing and making recommendations to update the Wage & Personnel By-laws for the next Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Wheelock acknowledged the Town Administrator's request to support her on establishing a 6-month probationary period bylaw. The proposed bylaw would apply to newly hired and employees. The Wage & Personnel Board is also seeking space to store their documentation. There is available space in the Upper-Level of the Town House.

Appointments:

- Carly Spencer – Central Plymouth County Water District Commission Advisory Board Representative for Plympton until 6/30/2022.

MR made a motion to appoint Carly Spencer as the Central Plymouth County Water District Commission Advisory Board Representative for Plympton until 6/30/2022. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

- Gabe Lundgren – Board of Registrars until 6/30/2021.

MR made a motion to appoint Gabe Lundgren to the Board of Registrars until 6/30/2022. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.** The BOS had to rescind the vote and MR made a motion to appoint Gabe Lundgren to the Board of Registrars until 5/22/2021. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

- Miranda Boyles-Pink – Board of Library Trustees

MR made a motion to appoint Miranda Boyles-Pink to the Board of Library Trustees until 5/22/2021. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

- Kathleen Keirstead – Board of Library Trustees

MR made a motion to appoint Kathleen Keirstead to the Board of Library Trustees until 5/22/2021. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

Annual License Renewals:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the list of licenses to be renewed for 2021. Selectman Russo completed a site visit at each of the locations of where the business license is held.

- Liquor License Renewals:
 - CA Kang Plympton Convenience Store
 - Aarti Corp. Plympton Gas & Convenience
 - The Upland Sportsman Club

MR made motion to approve the Liquor License Renewals listed above for 2021. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

- Range Permit
 - The Upland Sportsman Club

MR made motion to approve the 2021 Range Permit for The Upland Sportsman Club. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

- Class II, III & Scrap Metal 2018 Renewals
 - Alby's – Class II, III & Scrap
 - Angels Towing – Class II
 - Carey Auto – Class II
 - Competition Auto – Class II
 - Motor Sports – Class II
 - Plympton Cycles – Class II
 - Upinto2/Bike Ride – Class II

MR made motion to approve the Class II, III & Scrap Metal License Renewals listed above for 2021. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

Town Administrator:

TA introduced the start of a new project called “What Makes Plympton Unique”. The project is to show what makes Plympton so unique and a great place to live, and will start with the Plympton Kindness Tree located on Elm Street at one of the many farms here in town. There will be ornaments available for residents to leave a positive note of kindness.

TA attended the Finance Committee meetings and discussed the shortfalls in the police department salary line due to the recent retirement of a department member. TA discussed the retention issues in the Police Department. The Town has a 50/50 split for the health insurance and many officers are leaving. TA will conduct a study of other towns and request quotes from health insurance carriers.

COVID cases are continuing to increase in town. The current estimate is 20 active cases. The reports received are through the MAVEN system. Jon Wilhelmsen confirmed there were 2 new cases reported at the Dennett School. This brings the total to 3.

The Town House Staff is continuing to work remote through January 11th. The Town House will be closed to the public. The Council on Aging will be available by appointment only for residents in need of the food pantry. Notifications will be posted to the website and social media accounts.

Future Agenda Items:

The Board of Selectmen will invite members of C.A.S.A, the parent/teacher organization for the Dennett School, to the next meeting on 1/11/2021.

Minutes:

The Minutes of November 16, 2020 were approved as amended.
Motion made by (MR), Seconded (JT). **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

The Minutes of December 8, 2020 were approved as amended.
Motion made by (MR), Seconded (JT). **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

The Minutes of December 15, 2020 were approved as written.
Motion made by (MR), Seconded (JT). **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

The meeting concluded with a “Rave” by each member of the Select Board.

7:10 PM Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by (MR). Seconded (CJ)

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigette D. Martins