

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, June 21, 2021

In attendance: Chairman Christine Joy, John Traynor, Clerk Mark Russo, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy and Selectmen's Assistant: Briggette Martins.

The Board of Selectmen had met at the appointed time and opened in Open Session, as required under the Open Meeting Law.

5:45 p.m.

Chairman Joy made a declaration that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Plympton Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Plympton's website: town.plympton.ma.us

Appointment:

The BOS voted to appoint Jason Fraser to the Silver Lake Regional School Committee to fulfill the remainder of Mike Antoine's term through May 21, 2022. Vote: CJ made a motion to appoint Jason Fraser to the Silver Lake Regional School Committee. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Warrants Paid:

The BOS Assistant updated the Board that warrants paid for the week totaled \$2,946.31.

Re-Appointments:

The BOS reviewed the attached list provided of the Re-appointments for FY22 for Board/Committee Members appointed by BOS. JT read the list of employee's names. The BOS made changes to names and dates. CJ made a motion to appoint the list as amended. Seconded, MR. **Roll Call Vote: 3/0. The list and letter signed by the BOS will be provided to the Clerk's office.**

Operating Principals #12

The BOS discussed the recording and posting of working meetings. Selectman John Traynor would like all meetings of the Board be recorded is requesting a change made to the policy. CJ and MR both agree that “working meetings” do not need to be recorded. MR suggested amending the definition of a meeting in the Operating Principle number 12: *With the exception of working meetings (a posted session open to the public called to informally discuss in depth a specific topic or topics for possible future action), whenever possible, and as a courtesy to the public, open session BOS meetings will be recorded and posted. The Minutes of the meeting shall remain the official record of the proceedings.*

CJ made a motion to approve the amendment to Operating principal #12. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/1.**

Tax Title Land:

The Board discussed the tax title land that was identified and reviewed by the Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, and Town Properties Committee. Chair of the Town Properties Committee, Jon Wilhelmsen explained the committee was not in favor of selling any of the properties.

The BOS reviewed the six properties Open Space and Conservation recommended the town keep. The Board voted on those six properties as a group. CJ made motion to follow the recommendations to not sell those particular properties. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

The BOS reviewed the other properties that Open Space and Conservation had no comments or recommendations on. CJ made a motion to keep the properties as town owned land. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Former Selectman Rick Springer joined the discussion and is interested in purchasing parcel as 18-4-12 located on Churchill Road and requested the BOS vote to sell. MR made motion to not sell Parcel 18-4-12. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Heavy Truck Restrictions:

The BOS welcomed Bill McNulty of the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) to the meeting to discuss ways the town could restrict heavy truck traffic on non-state roads. Traffic counts were conducted on several roads in the town including Main St., Ring Rd, Prospect St., and Pleasant were conducted. McNulty said that east of

Rt. 58 had more options for restricting heavy commercial truck traffic. The town has the option on roadways that are under their local jurisdiction to request a heavy commercial vehicle exclusion from Mass DOT as long as it met the criteria. The town could request a heavy vehicle exclusion, with the exception of deliveries and businesses, on Main St. between Rt. 58 and Rt. 106. The town would need approval and sign off from Kingston for the connection of Ring Road between the two towns. MR made a motion to pursue the road restrictions as discussed. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

MIIA Code of Conduct:

The Board of Selectmen discussed the adoption of the Code of Conduct provided by MIIA. This would apply to elected & appointed officials, employees and volunteers.

Consent Agenda Adoption:

The Board discussed the option to start using a consent agenda. The ruling is as follows:

“A consent agenda may be presented by the chair at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the board.”

CJ made a motion to adopt to test the rule of order allowing for the consent agenda process. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

960 Hour Waiver:

Police Chief Matt Clancy requested an extension and review by town counsel of the 960 Hour Waiver that was not supported by the legislation. CJ and TA will work together and give an update.

Remote Participation:

The BOS voted to adopt remote participation provisions pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10. CJ made motion to adopt remote participation provisions pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10 allowing board members to attend meetings via zoom/remote. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Plympton Police M.C.O.P. Local 276 Agreement:

The Board discussed a three-year agreement with the Plympton Police Union. The agreement will have a cost-of-living increase of 2.5 percent, 3 percent, and 2.5 percent over the three years, the addition of the Juneteenth holiday, and a buyout agreement on an incentive tool for retention for officers, that after five years of continuous service to cash out up to two weeks of sick time.

MR made the motion to accept the three-year agreement between the Plympton Police M.C.O.P. Local 276 and the Town. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Town Administrator Update:

TA worked with the Town of Carver for Animal Control Officer services for the next three years. This will save the town an estimated \$4,500 annually. TA updated the Board on the signed contract for dispatch with the Regional Old Colony Communications Center (ROCC) for this coming fiscal year. The amount is for \$150,000 as voted at town meeting. The rate could reduce in future years as more towns come on board. The Town has received a total of 145,000 in CARES reimbursements to date.

Minutes:

Open Session 5/17/2021

CJ made motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Open Session minutes as amended. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Open Session 6/07/2021

CJ made motion to approve the June 7, 2021 Open Session minutes as amended. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

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

7:32 p.m. CJ made a motion to adjourn the May 21, 2021 Board of Selectmen Open Session meeting. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigette D. Martins