

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**Open Session**  
**Monday, May 17, 2021**

In attendance: Chairman Mark Russo, Selectwoman Christine Joy, Clerk John Traynor, and Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy and Selectmen's Assistant: Brigitte 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 Russo 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](http://town.plympton.ma.us)

**Roll Call Vote:** Joy: Aye; Russo: Aye; Traynor: Aye

Participants added to the call: Jon Wilhelmsen, Colleen Morin, Christine Kelly, Attorney David Coppola, Ken Thompson, Express Correspondent: Kristy Zamagni-Twomey.

**Re-Organization of the Board of Selectmen:**

JT expressed his interest in becoming Chair and made a motion to nominate himself, requesting a second motion. JT did not receive a second on the motion and asked each of the board members their opinion on why. CJ and MR each gave their reasons. JT made motion to appoint Christine M. Joy as Chair, seconded MR. **Vote: 3/0.** CJ made motion to Appoint John Traynor, Jr. as Vice-Chair, seconded MR. **Vote: 3/0.**

CJ made motion to appoint Mark Russo as Clerk, seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0.**

## **Operating Principles**

JT requested the topic and view of the Board of Selectmen Operating Principles be added to the next agenda on 6/7/2021. All member agreed.

## **Disposition of Town Owned Land:**

The Board invited Colleen Morin and Christine Kelly from the Treasurer-Collector's Office and Attorney David Coppola to the meeting to discuss the process for the disposition of town owned land in Plympton that has been acquired through tax foreclosure. Attorney Coppola provided the Board with examples and explained the option of selling the properties through public auction. The Board would need to appoint a Tax Possession Custodian to facilitate the sale of the land. Attorney Coppola will draft the language to appoint Christine Kelly as Tax Possession Custodian. The list of parcels will be reviewed by the Town Properties Committee, Treasurer Collector, Open Space, Conservation, and Board of Selectmen.

## **Live Meeting Coverage:**

JT updated the Select Board of his discussion with Rich Goulart of Area 58 on having the BOS meeting being streamed live. He would like Seniors have more options to view the meetings. The Town would need a dedicated IP address and the fiber optics fully functional. MR expressed his concerns on giving control of filming and Zoom to Area 58.

## **Host Community Agreement:**

TA updated the BOS on the language of a DRAFT Host Community Agreement between the Town and Sweet Grass Farms, LLC. The Town needs to review and determine the 3% (surcharge) impact fee option, a community benefit fund, and the charitable contributions that would be made. JT requested a list of the 501C entities in the town. TA will reach out to Sweet Grass Farms.

## **Appointment:**

CJ made a motion to appoint Barbara Gomez as the Administrative Accountant through June 30, 2022. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

## **Town Administrator Update:**

Covid cases are the lowest the town has seen. TA is working with GATRA for transportation needs in town and is continuing to work on the Soule Homestead project. Old Colony Planning Council is working with Highway Superintendent

Rob Firlotte on the speed zones in town and will join the June 7, 2021 BOS meeting in their findings.

**Minutes:**

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CJ made motion to approve the May 12, 2021 Open Session minutes as written.

Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

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

7:13 p.m. CJ made a motion to adjourn the May 17, 2021 Board of Selectmen Open Session meeting. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brigette D. Martins