

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

September 12, 2022
Plympton Town House

IN ATTENDANCE

BOS Chairman Christine Joy (CJ), Selectmen John Traynor (JT) and Mark Russo (MR), Town Administrator Liz Dennehy (TA), and Briggette Martins (SA).

FROM NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so despite best efforts, we will post on the Town's website town.plympton.ma.us an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting. 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 also be found on the Town of Plympton website.

CHAIRMAN JOY OPENED THE MEETING

5:45p.m. BOS Chair Christine Joy opened the meeting in Open Session, as required under the Open Meeting Law and made motion to enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a) Purpose 2 and Purpose 6. CJ declared that BOS would return to Open Session after the adjournment of Executive Session. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk was unavailable and will rescheduled for a future date

Traffic & Speeding

The BOS and residents of Plympton discussed their concerns of the recent uptick in accidents and excessive speed on the roadways. Suggestions were made for more law enforcement presence and signage. The Board will continue this discussion with the Police Chief and report back with a plan to address this issue.

6:15 Public Hearing

Selectmen Joy reported that the hearing notice was published in the Plympton-Halifax Express. TA read the hearing notice verbatim.

- Public Hearing regarding an application from Cornerstone Energy Services for new transmission lines that will cross above the following public ways: Spring Street approximately 2,000 feet northwesterly of its intersection with Route 44 and Brook Street approximately 1,200 feet northeasterly of its intersection with Old Farm Road.
 - Selectmen Joy opened the hearing for testimony in favor and in opposition. The requestor did not join the meeting. Several residents spoke in opposition of the project, sharing their questions and concerns.
 - Upon conclusion of the testimony, the Board of Selectmen would like a member of Cornerstone Energy/Eversource to be present to discuss further.

CJ made a motion that the hearing will be continued to October 17, 2022 at 6:00. Seconded MR. **Roll Call vote: 3/0**

Brewery 44 Liquor Request

Michael Johnson, owner of Brewery 44 in Carver, submitted a request for 16 1-Day Liquor Licenses for malt only. The events will be held at Sauchuk Farm corn maze located on Center Street.

- September 17,18,24,25
- October 1,2,7,8,9,10,15,16,22,23,29,30

A Police detail is recommended by Police Chief, Matt Ahl. The BOS will require a police detail as recommended for the first 4 dates requested and will have the Police Chief review and discuss if a police detail will be required for the future dates. CJ made a motion to approve the 16 1-Day Liquor Licenses, with the first 4 days with a police detail as recommended by Chief Ahl. The other 12 dates will be reviewed by the BOS & Police Chief if a detail is required. Seconded MR. **Roll Call vote: 3/0**

Fall Special Town Meeting

The BOS discussed preparation for a Special Town Meeting for 11/30/2022 at the Dennett Elementary School at 7:00 pm. CJ made a motion to hold a Special Town Meeting on 11/30/2022. The Warrant will close at 8:00 pm on 10/3/2022. Seconded MR. **Roll Call vote: 3/0**

Title Change

JT opened the discussion requesting to have the name of the Board of Selectmen changed to Select Board. CJ and MR are opposed to the change. JT will pursue other options for the name change.

Old School House

MR led the discussion of an old school house located at a resident's home on Center Street. The resident reached out to the Community Preservation Committee on if the Town was interested in it. MR explained the move would be expensive. Howard Randall was on the call and asked MR to reach out to him to discuss the matter further.

Nomination

CJ made a motion to continue as the member of the Board of Selectmen to represent the Town to the Regional School District Collective Bargaining. Seconded MR.

Roll call vote: 3-0.

Town Properties Committee

The BOS and Town Properties Committee member Jon Wilhelmsen discussed the Fire Station HQ Feasibility and Design project. The BOS awarded Context Architecture tasks 1 through 5 as listed in the proposal in the amount of \$76,000 and to extend the original contract awarded. CJ made the motion to award Context Architecture the Fire Station HQ Feasibility and Design project, as recommended by the Town Properties Committee and authorize the Town Properties Committee as signatories for tasks 1 through 5. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.** CJ made a motion to appoint P3 Project Planning Professionals as the project Managers with Dan Polatta serving as the point of contact for the project. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Appointment

Library Michael Slawson recommended Jessica Lau and Jonathan Mulcahy fulfill the vacant seats as Library Trustee. CJ made a motion to appoint Jessica Lau and Jonathan Mulcahy as Library Trustees until Town Election, May 20, 2023. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Warrants Paid

- SA reported warrants paid equal \$10,975.79

Town Administrator Update

- The Town of Plympton has been approved for a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program Action Grant award in the amount of \$502,500 in FY23 for the project titled “Preserving Turkey Swamp: A Keystone Goal.” TA is working with Linda Leddy and Brian Vasa of the Conservation Committee to schedule a kick-off meeting.
- TA is reviewing the rough DRAFT of the Financial Policies and Procedures submitted by the Town Accountant Lisa Hart.
- Council on Aging Director Colleen Thompson is working on moving forward with GATRA. There is a possibility that GATRA could use the COA bus for transportation of residents.

Minutes

- Motion by MR to approve 08/29/2022 Open Session minutes as written. Seconded by JT. CJ abstained from the vote due to her absence. **Roll call vote: 2-0-1.**

BOS Raves

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by CJ. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Briggette Martins