

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

March 13, 2023

Town of Plympton

IN ATTENDANCE

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

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 CHRISTINE 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 3, CJ declared that BOS would return to Open Session after the adjournment of Executive Session. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

Updates & Discussions

Town Clerk Patricia Detterman joined the meeting and updated the BOS of the new election laws and the Opt-in/Opt-out procedures for local elections. The Town Clerk is requesting the BOS vote to approve the vote by mail option. CJ made a motion to Opt-in for the local annual town meeting for 2023. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Forever Stamp

TA has submitted a letter to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee in Washington, DC, on behalf of the BOS, in support of a Forever Stamp in honor of Deborah Sampson. The original request for the stamp was made by the Town of Sharon, where Deborah Sampson and her husband Benjamin Garnett lived and are now buried. JT encouraged residents to submit a letter in support of the stamp. Letter can be sent to Stamp Development, Attn: Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300, Washington, DC 20260-3501.

Remote Meeting Provisions

The BOS discussed the return of in-person meetings. The law that was passed during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow meetings remotely expires on March 31, 2023. There is a bill filed with the state legislature to extend the remote meetings for an additional two years. This would give the option to meet remotely via ZOOM. Each of the BOS have their views on the matter. The zoom meetings have had better public participation than the in-person meetings. The BOS will return to in-person meetings and will re-visit the remote option when the legislation votes. CJ made a motion to return to in-person meetings effective March 27, 2023. Seconded JT.

Roll call vote: 3-0.

Animal Control

TA updated the BOS that the Town of Plympton will be discontinuing on the regionalization of the Animal Control services with the Town of Carver due to their inability to provide ACO services as a result of staffing issues. CJ made a motion to discontinue Animal Control services between Plympton and Carver immediately. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Warrants Paid

SA reported \$19,656.01

Town Administrator

TA updated the BOS of issues of the septic and water issues at the Library and Town House.

Correspondence

Harbor to the Bay Bike Ride

CJ made a motion to approve the final bike ride for the Harbor to the Bay event scheduled for 09/23/2023, pending the approval of Fire, Police, and Highway Departments. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Minutes

MR made a motion to approve the 02/27/2023 as amended. Seconded CJ. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

CJ made a motion to approve the 02/13/2023 minutes as written. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Dates to Remember

BOS Open Meeting at 5:45 p.m., unless otherwise noted 3/27/2023, 04/10/2023

BOS Raves

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brigette Martins