

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, April 12, 2021

In attendance: Chairman Mark Russo, Selectwoman Christine Joy, Clerk John Traynor, and Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy.

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

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

In Attendance:

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

Participants added to the call: Keith Steiding, Tara Shaw, Lisa Hart, and Express Correspondent: Abraham Neil.

Chairman Russo opened the meeting reviewing and reinstating the ground rules of the open meeting law.

Final Interview and Appointment:

The Board of Selectmen welcomed Tara Shaw to the meeting to conduct interviews. Ms. Shaw applied and was selected as the finalist for the position of Assistant Treasurer/Collector. Each of the Select Board expressed their excitement of her

return to the Town House. Ms. Shaw accepted the position and will be appointed effective April 12, 2021.

MR made motion to appoint Tara Shaw as Administrative Treasurer Collector Assistant effective April 12, 2021 through June 3, 2021 and as Assistant Treasurer Collector effective June 4, 2021 through July 1, 2021. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

6:00 Hearing:

Selectman Russo opened the Public Hearing to discuss a “wine and malt beverage” license application for KKaties Express. Keith Steiding, the president of restaurant company chain, represented the company at the hearing.

- Mark Russo read the Public Hearing procedures.
 - Notice
 - Posted to Plympton/Halifax Express.
 - Open Hearing
 - Outline of documents associated with license transfer
 - Ground Rules.
 - Testimony and swearing in of all parties making a statement.
 - Deliberating & Deciding
- After listening to the testimonies of all parties involved and questions answered a motion was made to close.

MR made a motion to close the evidence submitted. Second CJ, 3/0. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

MR made a motion to approve the Wine and Malt Beverage License for KKaites Express. Second CJ, 3/0. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

MR made a motion to close License Hearing. Second CJ, 3/0. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

The hearing was closed and the approved application will be sent to the ABCC

Final Interview and Appointment:

The Board of Selectmen welcomed Lisa Hart to the meeting to conduct the final interview. Ms. Hart applied and was selected as the finalist for the position of Town Accountant. The Board is happy and welcomed Lisa to the team. Ms. Hart accepted the appointment effective April 12, 2021.

MR made motion to appoint Lisa Hart as Administrative Accountant effective April 2, 2021 through May 27, 2021 and as Town Accountant effective May 28, 2021 through May 28, 2024 pending contract negotiations. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Town Meeting Final Preparations:

Discussions continued for the final preparation for this upcoming Annual Town Meeting being held at the Dennett School on May 12, 2021. TA is working with the Town Moderator in providing information services via ZOOM to residents. Information will be provided to the paper on when the ZOOM sessions will be held.

Memorial Commemoration Update:

Administrative Assistant Brigitte Martins updated the Board of the unfortunate news that this years Parade will not commence. Ms. Martins handles the Memorial Day activities and due the COVID restrictions and report back from the Board of Health there will be limited activities. The Town Green and cemeteries will be decorated to honor our past and present Veterans that have served us. She is also working with Principal Veneto on having the students write an essay on what Memorial Day means to them. The finalists will be selected by members of the Memorial Day Committee.

North Plympton Cemetery License:

JT updated the Board with information regarding the cemetery on County Road (Route 106). The cemetery sits on a ½ acre and owned by DR. Lydia J. Groseclose of Olympia, WA. The license has been written and approved by Town Counsel. MR made a motion to approve the North Plympton Cemetery license between the Town and DR. Lydia J. Groseclose. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Town Administrator and Correspondence Update:

The Board is in receipt of the Zoning Bylaw change.

MR made a motion to accept the change in the Bylaw. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

The Board voted to reaffirm the Fire Chief County Cares submission. MR made a motion to approve the submission for Chief Silva. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Discussion was held regarding a complaint received from a resident on their recent visit to the Transfer Station. TA will have the Highway Superintendent meet with the Transfer Station staff to define the closing procedure protocols.

Discussion was held regarding complaints of dogs on the sport fields at the Dennett School and Holt Field at the Town House. Jon Wilhelmsen, of the Dennett School Committee will further the discussion at the next school meeting and advise the board on the resolution. Amy Hempel of P.A.Y.S will be in attendance.

The BOS received request from the Garden Club for Use of Town Property to use the Town House parking lot for Clean-Up Day scheduled for April 17th with a rain date of April 18th. MR made a motion to approve the Garden Clubs request pending authorization from select departments. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy completed her certification as a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchaser. The Board congratulated TA of her achievement.

Halifax Meals-on-Wheels will begin to use the Town House during the roof replacement to their Council on Aging Community building.

Minutes:

The Open Session Minutes of March 22, 2021 were approved as edited.

Motion made by MR. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

The Open Session Minutes of March 29, 2021 were approved as edited.

Motion made by MR. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

The Open Session Minutes of April 6, 2021 were approved as written with the exception to attach the Board's Projects and Priorities List.

Motion made by MR. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

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

7:00 p.m. MR made a motion to adjourn the April 12, 2021 Board of Selectmen Open Session meeting. Seconded, CJ.

Voted: To enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a) Purpose 2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel regarding Town Accountant and Assistant Treasurer Collector positions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigette D. Martins