

Plympton Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2020
Teleconferencing

In attendance:

Board of Selectmen (BOS): Christine M. Joy (CJ), Mark E. Russo (MR), John A. Traynor Jr. (JT),
Town Administrator: Elizabeth Dennehy (TA) and Board of Health Chairman Art Morin (AM).

The open meeting session opened at 5:30.

Participants added to the call were representatives from radio station WATD and the Plympton-Halifax Express. Also joining was Board of Selectmen Assistant Brigette Martin-Hebert.

First item of business was to make three appointments approved by the BOS:

Appoint Nathan Cristosori as a special policeman for the period April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Motion made by CJ, and seconded by JT, to approve the appointment. **Vote 3-0**

Appoint Board of Health Chairman Art Morin to the Emergency Management Agency. Motion made by CJ, and seconded by JT, to approve the appointment. **Vote 3-0**

Appoint Board of Health Administrative Assistant Cathy Ferguson to the Emergency Management Agency. Motion made by CJ, and seconded by JT, to approve the appointment. **Vote 3-0**

Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy reported that the Town of Plympton was notified of its first positive case of COVID-19. Close contacts have been notified and are following CDC guidelines for self-quarantine. Due to privacy requirements, no further identifying information will be provided.

Board of Health Chairman Art Morin explained the procedure for the Visiting Nurses Association to be involved in the testing of at-risk patients for the COVID-19 virus.

Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy explained that the Fire Department would only be given the address of the COVID-19 patient so that they could be suitably protected if they had to respond to a call from that address.

The Fire Department has outfitted Ambulance #1 (older ambulance) to be the on-call vehicle for any COVID-19 requests.

TA discussed the fogging that is being done at the Police Station, Townhouse and Fire Station to eliminate any potential COVID-19 virus. The library will be done at a future time prior to opening. The Old Town House will be addressed as we go forward.

AM indicated that the Board of Health had a limited number of safety supplies available and that he would coordinate this with Fire Chief Silva.

AM also indicated that the Board of Health was the recipient of a \$4,000 grant given by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) and that an additional MAHB grant may be forthcoming.

The National Guard has dropped off supplies which will be shared with the Police and Fire Departments.

The Fire Chief is coordinating the receiving of any town UPS or Fed-EX packages so that there will be no chance of them being sent back as undeliverable.

Discussion was raised as to whether the upcoming Town Meeting would need to be postponed. The TA indicated that she was awaiting the passage of imminent legislation that would outline the process to be followed. She is in contact with the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk and they will make a decision within the next two weeks.

TA asked for authority to sign as the town representative with the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB). Motion made by CJ, and seconded by JT, to approve the appointment.
Vote 3-0

It was agreed that for the next BOS meeting Thursday, April 9th we would use the ZOOM app to broadcast the meeting. TA will acquire the ZOOM Pro version for the use of the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.
Respectfully submitted

John Traynor, Clerk