**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**

April 22, 2019

Plympton Town House

***DRAFT!!!-updated 5/5/2019***

**In attendance:**

* Board of Selectmen (BOS): John Traynor (JT), Christine Joy (CJ) and Mark Russo (MR)
* Town Administrator: Liz Dennehy (LD)

**Meeting called to order**

* Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM and immediately went to Executive Session.
* BOS returned to open meeting at 6:05 PM.

**Fire Chief and vote to award ambulance billing and collection contract**

* Fire Chief Steve Silva described Request For Proposal process. Responses all came in with same rate. Chief Silva described his preference for Pro EMS Solutions based on compatible software and reputation. Motion by JT and second by CJ to award contract to Pro EMS Solutions**.** Vote: 3-0.

**Two Brooks Preserve status update**

* Co-chair of Open Space Committee Linda Leddy updated BOS on procurement process for putting 2 house lots up for sale. Request For Proposal should be ready within 2 weeks.

**Finance Committee joined the meeting and presented budget overview**

* Finance Committee chair Nat Sides gave a brief overview of the results of budget process so far. Proposed budget is presently at $11,280,185. Initial budget requests sought 4.7% increase. Finance Committee has brought that down to 3.5%.

**Review and recommendations on Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant articles**

* **STM Articles 1-11**: Mr. Sides reviewed each article and reported Finance Committee recommendation to approve each. On each article CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend approval to Special Town Meeting. Each vote on these articles was unanimous in favor. VOTES: 3-0.

**Review and recommendations on Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant articles**

* **ATM Articles 5-16:** Mr. Sides reviewed each article and reported Finance Committee recommendation to approve each. On each article CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend approval to ATM. Each vote on these articles was unanimous in favor. VOTE: 3-0.
* **ATM Articles 27-32**: Mr. Sides reviewed each article and reported Finance Committee recommendation to approve each. On each article CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend approval to ATM. Each vote on these articles was unanimous in favor. VOTES: 3-0.
* **ATM Articles 33**: Mr. Sides reported Finance Committee recommendation to approve this article. JT motion to approve the article was not seconded. BOS voted to NOT recommend this article. VOTE: 3-0.
* **ATM Article 4**: Mr. Sides reviewed the budget lines. Motion by CJ and seconded by JT to recommend approval to ATM. VOTE: 3-0.
* **ATM Articles 2, 3, and 17-23**: Motion by CJ and seconded by JT to recommend approval to ATM. VOTE: 3-0.
* **ATM Articles 24 and 25**: No recommendation on these articles was made by BOS as the Planning Board’s public hearing on these articles has been continued.
* **ATM Article 26**: Motion by JT and seconded by CJ to recommend approval to ATM. VOTE: 3-0.

**Motion to sign STM and ATM warrant**

* Motion to sign each warrant made by JT and seconded by CJ. VOTE: 3-0.

**Correspondence presented by LD:**

* Thank you letter from K-9 Olyver’s family and the Kingston Police Department for the display of love and kind send off from the Plympton community and the Plympton Police and Fire Departments while the late K-9 Olyver LaNatra passed through the Town.
* Vote to execute an employment contract with the Town Accountant and formally announce and ratify the vote taken during Executive Session on April 8, 2019 to extend the Town Accountant’s contract through December 31, 2022.   Motion to ratify the agreement voted at April 8, 2019 executive session by JT and seconded by CJ. VOTE: 3-0.
* Vote to execute an employment contract with the Treasurer-Collector and formally announce and ratify the vote taken during Executive Session on April 8, 2019 to extend the Treasurer-Collector’s contract through December 31, 2022.   Motion to ratify the agreement voted at April 8, 2019 executive session by JT and seconded by CJ. VOTE: 3-0.
* Letter from David Zeoli – forwarded to Town Clerk’s Office for official response to the public records request.
* Old Colony Planning Council 52nd Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 9th at 6 p.m.
* Notice of Public Comment – 2020-2024 TIP. Letter concerning Winnetuxet Bridge will be sent requesting action sooner.
* Plympton-Halifax Express: Town Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 27th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Town Administrator Updates**

* Application filed with the State for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program for a Planning Grant, included letters of support we received from not only BOS, but also Highway, Police, Fire, Board of Health, Conservation Commission/Open Space and Planning Board
* Application filed with Massachusetts Emergency Management Association for a Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant through FEMA
* Working on a Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant to keep Old Colony Planning Council involved with our Green Communities reporting requirements
* Kicking off an internal meeting with Department Heads to go over Town operations and emergency preparedness

**Board Goals for 2019 and Dates to Remember**

* Board goals for 2019 and dates to remember were reviewed

**Adjournment**

* Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by JT, seconded CJ. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Russo