

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, August 9, 2021

In attendance: Chairman Christine Joy, Vice Chair John Traynor, Clerk Mark Russo. Selectmen's Assistant: Briggette Martins.

The Select Board met at the appointed time and opened in Open Session, as required under the Open Meeting Law.

5:45 p.m.

Chairman Joy made a declaration that 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 town.plympton.ma.us.

Appointments:

- Christine Joy MBTA Member – confirmation Chairperson of Plympton BOS. The BOA Assistant will mail letter to confirm.
- Mark Russo MBTA Designee until 6/30/22.

Vote: CJ made a motion to appoint MR as MBTA designee. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

- Brad Cronin to Emergency Management with a term end date of 6/30/2022

Vote: CJ made a motion to appoint Brad Cronin to the Emergency Management Team until 6/30/22. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Carver Urban Renewal Project:

CJ and MR, along with Plympton residents, attended the RDA meeting in Carver regarding the Urban Renewal Project and expressed their concerns of the recent changes. CJ and MR were happy of the receptiveness from the Carver Board. The project has had many changes is in the early development stages. Plympton's Select Board will be attending the next meeting in Carver. The residents thanked CJ & MR for their efforts to help.

Bridge Project Updates:

Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte joined the meeting and updated the Board on the two bridge projects in Plympton. The bridges are the Hugh Ward Ferguson Memorial Bridge located at 58 and the Winnetuxet Wooden Bridge located on Winnetuxet Road. A recent road safety audit was completed by AECOM. Rob is working with Mass DOT.

One Day Liquor License Request:

Brewery 44 submitted a request for 13 One-Day Liquor Licenses. The Events would be held on Saturdays and Sundays at Sauchuk Corn Maze located at 200 Center Street. The dates requested are on September 18,19,25, and 26, October 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24, and 30 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. This would be for malt sales only. ABCC said this request process is allowed and the Town can authorize up to 30 each year. The application submitted has been reviewed and all paperwork included is in compliance. The charge for each license is \$75.00. Chief Clancy is working with the applicant and finalizing the cost of a police detail. The BOS discussed the dates and will approve the dates for September only. The Applicant must also submit the TIP Cert for each of their servers to the BOS Assistant. They will revisit the application for the October dates at the September 27 meeting. CJ made motion to approve 4 one-day liquor licenses for the dates of September 18,19, 25, and 26th at Sauchuck Corn Maze located at 200 Center Street, Plympton. Liquor sales will be from 12-5 p.m. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Approval to Utilize BidDocs ONLINE platform:

TA is requesting to use BidDocs ONLINE platform for managing bid docs relative to the Town House Roof Project. The cost is under \$1000. CJ made motion to approve the request for TA to use of the BidDocs ONLINE platform. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Agreement for services (Habeeb & Associates) for Town House Roof Project:

The Board placed this item on hold until the next scheduled BOS meeting on 8/23/2021.

Town Administrator Update:

BOS Chair –Christine Joy read the update from TA.

-The Covid cases in town are rising. The current cases reported are at 3 as of 8/5/2021. There are currently no plans to change any protocols. Some Towns are reverting back to requiring masks be worn by everyone in municipal buildings, including employees and the general public. TA is working with Chief Silva to see how things evolve over the next couple of weeks and if the State implements any new mandates. In the meantime, some people do wear masks in the buildings currently and people are doing what makes them comfortable. Anyone who is unvaccinated and/or wants to wear a mask is encouraged to do so.

-Working with Auditor (and Town Accountant and Treasurer) on establishment of best practices;

-Have an inquiry in to one of the licensing folks at Comcast to figure out basic internet service to the Old Town House for Wi-Fi purposes;

-Working with the Fire Chief on ambulance billing and new protocols;

-Communications are continuing with Nick Rizzo re. the marijuana cultivation proposal

Correspondence:

Board of Health submitted an appointment request via email to the BOS Assistant.

- Amos Wood, III as Assistant Health Agent until 6/30/22

CJ made a motion to appoint Amos Wood, III as the Assistant Health Agent. Seconded JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

• Cathy Drinan as Assistant Health Agent & Kevin Forgue as Health Agent
CJ made a motion to appoint Cathy Drinan as Assistant Health Agent & Kevin Forgue as Health Agent. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

A Request to Use Town Property was received by the BOS to use the Gazebo on 9/12/21 for a wedding ceremony. MR made a motion to approve the use of the Gazebo on the Town Green for 9/12/2021. Seconded CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

The Fire Dept. is offering free smoke detectors from the American Red Cross, the Board thanked the American Red Cross for their generous gift to the Fire Department.

Consent Agenda:

- Warrants Paid

BOS Warrants paid for the week totaled \$1,507.98.

- Minutes

Open Session 7/26/2021

CJ made motion to approve the July 26, 2021 Open Session minutes as written. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Review and Update BOS Projects & Priorities:

The Select Board reviewed each of the projects & priorities. The list will be reviewed quarterly each year.

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

7:14 p.m. CJ made a motion to adjourn the August 9, 2021 Board of Selectmen Open Session meeting. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigette D. Martins