

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**Open Session**  
**Monday, September 13, 2021**

**In Attendance**

BOS Chairman Christine Joy (CJ), Selectmen John Traynor (JT), Mark Russo (MR), Town Administrator Liz Dennehy (LD), and Briggette Martins (SA).

**FROM NOTICE OF MEETING**

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](http://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 JOY OPENED THE MEETING**

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 2. CJ declared that BOS would return to Open Session after the adjournment of Executive Session. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

**UPDATES & DISCUSSION:**

Chief of Police Matt Clancy updated the Selectmen on the Police Department's Use of Force Policy and 2019 Use of Force Review. The review is a certification and accreditation requirement for the department. The Chief requested the Selectmen accept the 2019 Use of Force Review. CJ made a motion to accept the 2019 Use of Force Review. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

Chair Christine Joy announced that during Executive Session the Board voted to appoint Scott Benton as Interim Police Chief effective October 14, 2021 to March 31, 2022. CJ made motion to appoint Scott Benson as Interim Police Chief. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

Christine Joy gave an update from the meeting she attended in Carver on September 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the Carver Urban Renewal Plan. Approximately 75 homes in Plympton will be affected by the project. CJ will continue to work with Carver and attend any scheduled meetings.

Nick Rizzo of Sweet Grass Farms, LLC is requesting the approval and execution of a Host Community Agreement between the Town of Plympton and Sweetgrass Farms, LLC to operate a licensed Tier 3 Marijuana Cultivation Establishment to be solely limited to the indoor cultivation, processing, and transportation of marijuana products and wholesale distribution of marijuana products for adult use, on a parcel of land known as 77 Spring Street, Plympton, MA. MR made a motion to execute the Host Agreement between the Town and Sweet Grass Farms, LLC. Seconded by JT. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

John Traynor opened the discussion of the use of the Old Town House. The Council on Aging sponsors Zumba classes 2-3 times a week and is requesting use of the Old Town House. JT made a motion to approve a three-month trial use of the building from October 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

Single Precinct Authorization Form pursuant to M.G.L. c.54, section 6. CJ made a motion to sign and approve the Single Precinct Authorization Form pursuant to M.G.L. c.54, section 6 submitted by the Town Clerk. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

The Town Administrator discussed the Ratification of Agreement with Town of Carver re. Animal Control Officer Services with the Board. CJ made a motion to ratify the agreement with Carver for the Animal Control Services. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

## **Appointments**

Police Department (Retro-active to August 26, 2021):

- Sergeant (*Permanent*) – Daniel Hoffman (indefinite term)
- Acting Sergeant – Matthew Ahl (indefinite term)
- Full-time Police Officer – Matthew Terenzi (indefinite term)
- Special Officers – *Annual Re-Appointments* – until 6/30/2022: Nathan Cristofori, Richard Glynn, Wendella Craffey, Scott Petersen, Ronald Clark

- Special Officers – *Initial Appointments* – until 6/30/2022: Cameron Broderick, Timothy Johnson, Gustavo Ribeiro, Gary Berlo, Thomas Reed, Laicey Ieronimo

CJ made a motion to approve the Police Department appointments as presented. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

Boards and Committees:

- Historical Commission – Jennifer MacDonald until 6/30/2023
- Historical Commission – Justin Shepard until 6/30/2024

CJ made a motion to approve the appointments to the Historical Commission as presented. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES**

TA updated the BOS on her meeting with Kingston's Town Administrator, Police Chief and DPW Superintendent, along with Plympton Police, Fire and Highway Departments. The meeting was to discuss heavy truck exclusions on Ring Road. Kingston has concerns and is not interested at this time to approve the exclusion.

TA is continuing to work on PILOT agreement with Select Energy.

TA met with members of Habitat for Humanity. They are working with an environmental specialist to review data on possible parcels.

Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) is working with TA on what level of service Plympton would require and pricing details.

The Town has a 3% positivity rate for COVID -19.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Request to use the parking lot of the Town House and Fire Station on 9/19 from 9:00 to 12:00 to hold a carwash for an Eagle Scout fundraiser. CJ made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout request for the carwash on 9/19 with a rain date if 9/26. Seconded JT. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

CJ made motion to approve consent agenda.

Warrants Paid: \$33,776.00

Minutes:

- Open Session 8/23/21

CJ made a motion to approve the 8/23/2021. Open Session minutes as written.

Seconded by JT. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

- Open Session 9/2/21

CJ made a motion to approve the 9/2/2021 Open Session minutes as amended.

Seconded by JT. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT LEGALLY COMES BEFORE THE**

**BOARD** - This item is included to provide members of the public with notice that matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair could be raised, deliberated or even voted at this meeting.

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S RAVES**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** BOS Open Meeting at 5:45 p.m., unless otherwise noted: 9/27/21

## **Meeting Adjourn 7:19**

Motion by CJ to adjourn. Seconded by JT. Roll call vote: 3-0.