

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, February 22, 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

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, Treasurer/Collector, Town Administrator, Fire Chief, Interim Police Chief.

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

At 6:38 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to end the Executive Session Purpose 2 and revert back to Open Session Meeting.

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

The Board of Selectmen returned to Open Session at 6:39 p.m. immediately following the 5:45 p.m. Executive Session by Chairman Mark Russo. Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.

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: Briggette Martins.

Participants added to the call: Nicholas Rizzo, Colleen Morin, Rick Springer, Ken Thompson, Dave Alberti, Vicki Alberti, and Express Correspondent: Kristy Zamagni-Twomey.

Cannabis Proposal:

Nick Rizzo, of Kingston, met with the BOS to discuss steps in acquiring a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with the Town of Plympton for a cannabis business. The business would be a cultivation facility consisting of several greenhouses. The facility would not be open to the public and the product would be sold to other establishments in the State. The location they are interested in is on Spring St. near the Industrial Park and Route 44 Highway. The Board had several concerns of noise, odor, water, and size of the greenhouses. Mr. Rizzo stated the specific greenhouses they would like to use have an odor mitigation system. They would like to start with a 5,000 sq. ft. greenhouse and eventually expand to 10,000 with the possibility of solar power. They are expecting to initially employ 5 full-time employees. Mr. Rizzo's partner, John White has been in the cannabis business for 8 years, but was unable to attend the meeting. The Board and TA thanked Mr. Rizzo and will let him know the exact information they will need from him in order to move forward.

Treasurer/Collector Status of Tax Taking:

The Treasurer/Collector Colleen Morin was invited by the BOS to give an update on land of low value and tax taking status. Currently there are 7 parcels that are land of low value and 1 parcel with value that abuts Harry Jason Park. Colleen discussed the process for foreclosure, the 6-month waiting period and suggested the Town hire an appraiser. Rick Springer, a resident of Plympton, is interested in purchasing one of the properties. The Board will review the list of Town Owned Properties and the values. TA will meet with Colleen to discuss the process on the disposition of town owned land.

Appointments:

- MR made motion to appoint Judy Dudley to the Community Preservation Committee until 6/30/2023. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**
- MR made motion to appoint David Bugbee to the Wage & Personnel Board until 6/30/2023. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

- MR made motion to appoint Arthur Morin as the Coordinator for Plympton Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (R.A.C.E.S) until 6/30/2023. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**
- MR made motion to correct the appointment term dates for Gabe Lundgren per State Regulations as the Board of Registrars until 03/31/2021 and re-appoint from 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2024. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

The Town Administrator conducted a study on the appointment process in other towns and suggested the Board amend the re-appointment process. The BOS Assistant will review the list each year with the Town Clerk's office and provide the BOS a list that will be voted on each year. The Board will sign-off on a letter that will be attached to the list and will be submitted to the Clerk's office so that appointees can be sworn in. Appointment slips will only be generated for new appointments or if a change is made to an existing appointment. The Board agreed with the new process. MR made a motion to adopt the new appointment process. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

BOS Priorities List:

The Board will review the Draft Articles at a future Selectmen's meeting.

Town Administrator:

TA will be conducting the town Hazard Mitigation Plan public workshop via ZOOM on March 10th. The meeting will be televised live with Area 58. TA is working with the Highway Superintendent on the wood chipping policy. TA discussed the Towns policy on Social Media and has circulated the new policy to employees for their signatures. TA is working on the application with Old Colony Planning Council for local tech support and is continuing on seeking grants available to the town.

Future Agenda Items:

The Board of Selectmen has invited Amy Hempel, Director of P.A.Y.S, to the March 8, 2021 BOS meeting.

Minutes:

The Open Session Minutes of February 8, 2021 were approved as amended. Motion made by MR. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

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

7:57 p.m. MR made a motion to adjourn the February 22, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting. Seconded, CJ.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigette D. Martins