

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, October 18, 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 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

5:45 p.m. 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 & DISCUSSIONS

Chairman Alan Wheelock updated the Board of Selectmen on the Wage & Personnel Committee progress in updating their bylaws in preparation for Town Meeting. The committee has recently welcomed David Bugbee as a member. Their next meeting is scheduled for 10/25/2021.

TA requested the BOS vote on two Employment Agreements between the Town and Police Sergeant Daniel Hoffman and Acting Police Sergeant Matthew Ahl. CJ made a motion to accept the employment agreement for Sergeant Daniel Hoffman from 8/26/2021 to 9/30/2024 and Acting Police Sergeant Matt Ahl from 8/26/2021 to 9/30/2022. Seconded JT. **Roll Call Vote: 3/0.**

Votes are required by the BOS to authorize Town officials to have access to the Plymouth County ARPA Portal. The Town may apply to Plymouth County for grants for certain eligible purposes to be funded from a grant received by Plymouth County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act. The County will receive applications for such grants through its online portal. The County requires evidence of Town authorization before granting access to the portal. The following votes will authorize one Town official to supply the County with all supporting data for each application and another Town official to approve the application and make the required representations and certifications on behalf of the Town to complete and submit the applications.

- 1st Vote: CJ made a motion that Elizabeth Dennehy, Town Administrator is authorized to approve, finalize, and submit on behalf of the Town any such ARPA Grant application and to make all representations and certifications required to be made on behalf of the Town to complete each such application, with such approval, representations, and certifications to be evidenced by the signature of the Town Administrator on such application; and if any such ARPA grant is awarded, the Town Administrator shall be the recipient of such grant on behalf of the Town. Seconded JT. **Roll Call Vote: 3/0.**
- 2nd Vote: That Lisa Hart, Town Accountant is authorized to prepare and enter information into the Plymouth County American Rescue Plan portal in support of one or more applications to Plymouth County for grants (“ARPA Grants”) to be funded from a grant received by Plymouth County under the American Rescue Plan Act. Seconded JT. **Roll Call Vote: 3/0.**

The Award of Bid re. Engine#1 Refurbishment Project has been placed on hold and will be revisited at a later date.

The BOS voted on the following Appointments:

- Nathaniel Sides, Plympton Cultural Council through 10/18/2024.
- Jessica Kinsman, Open Space Committee through 6/30/2024.
- Jackie Rafferty, Open Space Committee through 6/30/2023.
- Alan Wheelock, Community Preservation Committee through 6/30/2024.
- Special Police Officers - James Boulter and Mark Gabriel through 6/30/2022.
- Nathan Cristofori, Animal Control Officer/Animal Control Coordinator through 6/30/2022.

- Animal Control Officers via Carver - Kathy Seeley and Elise Senior through 6/30/2022.

CJ made a motion on the appointments as read and listed above. Seconded JT.

Roll Call Vote: 3/0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES

TA is working with Jon Wilhelmsen in preparing a bid package on the roof project at the Town House. She discussed bid award to Universal Environmental Specialist for design services and the sampling of the roof material at a cost of \$3,050. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st to finalize the contract agreement with St. John Corp. for the new ADA ramp. Construction is scheduled to start next week. The highway markings for the safety zones have been completed on roadways by the Highway Department. Saturday, October 30th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM the Police Station will be having an Open House to welcome Scott Benton as our new Interim Police Chief.

SCHOOL

Jon Wilhelmsen updated the Board of Selectmen on the progress of the playground at the Dennett School.

CONSENT AGENDA

CJ made motion to approve consent agenda. Seconded JT. Roll Call Vote 3-0

Warrants Paid: \$18,086.92

Minutes:

- Open Session 09/28/2021

CJ made a motion to approve the 09/13/2021 Open Session minutes as amended.

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S RAVES

DATES TO REMEMBER: BOS Open Meeting at 5:45 p.m., unless otherwise noted: 11/01/2021

Meeting Adjourn 6:39 PM

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