

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, November 1, 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

Town Accountant Lisa Hart and Treasurer Collector Christine Kelly gave an update on their departments continued efforts on the internal audit to balance FY21. The books have closed and they will be reconciling with Department of Revenue. They have re-established Best Practices Policy in separating the two offices and created new internal policies. The BOS and TA thanked them both and appreciates their efforts.

Wendy Jones discussed Update the Tax Work-off Programs. These programs help the Senior residents with their Real Estate Tax.

The Council on Aging Board is requesting the BOS approve their request to increase their Board Membership to Seven (7) Members. It is currently at 5. CJ made a motion to approve the increase of the COA Board Membership from 5 to 7. Seconded MR. **Roll Call Vote: 3/0.**

TA is requesting the BOS approve the filing of G. L. c. 268A, § 19 Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict-of-Interest Form for the duties of her position. This was recommended on the advice of the State Attorney of the Day. CJ made a motion to approve the filing. Seconded MR. **Roll Call Vote: 3/0.**

The Selectmen anticipate signing an Employment Agreement with Stephen Silva, Fire Chief at their next meeting and passed over the item. The BOS are very appreciative of the Chief and the excellent job he is doing, but need to finalize a couple of minor points prior to signing.

Warrants Paid: \$589.05

The BOS voted on the following Appointments:

- Kevin Rafferty, Bylaw Review Committee – indefinite/until dissolved
- Cynthia Bloomquist, Council on Aging – 6/30/2023
- Inez Murphy, Council on Aging – 6/30/2024

CJ made a motion on the appointments as read and listed above. Seconded MR. **Roll Call Vote: 3/0.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES

TA updated the BOS of the recent Nor'easter that whipped through and wreaked havoc. She thanked and gave credit to Fire Chief Steve Silva his department, along with the Police and Highway Departments. The Town House was closed for two days due to generator issues. TA is working with Chief Silva and replacing the old system. TA will be meeting with Safety Department Heads to establish a procedure and line of communication between the departments and to get notice out to residents. Many residents were without power for several days. A special thank you to Shaw's for the donations of food and water for the warming station at the Police Station.

CORRESPONDENCE

The BOS Office received three letters from a resident regarding the vegetation growth, walk-ways around town, and the Plympton Post Office. TA has responded to the resident.

Minutes:

- Open Session 10/18/2021

CJ made a motion to approve the 09/13/2021 Open Session minutes as written. Seconded by JT. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

DATES TO REMEMBER: BOS Open Meeting at 5:45 p.m., unless otherwise noted: 11/15/2021, 12/06/2021

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S RAVES

Meeting Adjourn 6:42 PM

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