

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Open Session**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022**

**5:45 PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

BOS Chairman Christine Joy (CJ), Selectmen John Traynor (JT) and Mark Russo (MR), Town Administrator Liz Dennehy (TA), 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**

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. At end of Open Session, BOS will once again return to Executive Session for Purpose 7, and then adjourn Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

**APPOINTMENT**

MR introduced Peter Newton of Bristol Engineering Advisors who at the Town's request has completed a study of the Harvest Farms water operation on Brook Street. Mr. Newton summarized the contents of his report sent to the BOS in a letter dated February 2, 2022. He reported that Harvest Farms pumps under 100,000 gallons per day on average and is therefore not required to have a Water Management Act permit. They are required to submit annual reports of their water use to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. He found that Harvest Farms was reporting annually as it should. He reported that though the average day

and maximum day usage has been increasing over the years, it is still below the approved rate of 72,000 gallons per day which is not to be exceeded. He suggested continued monitoring of those increases. While he noted that drawdowns at this level would likely have minimal impact on surrounding wells, the more substantial risk to water quality in town wells would come from land usage (e.g., impervious surfaces, septic systems, rock salt, etc.).

### **UPDATES & DISCUSSION**

- Area 58 discussions have been placed on hold and will be placed on a future agenda.
- Zumba classes will resume on 3/8/2022 at the Old Town House.
- MR has requested the option for Right of First Refusal pertaining to Assessors' Map and Parcel 8-2-29, Ring Road, Plympton and Assessors' Map and Parcel 8-1-1, Ring Road, Plympton postponed and are to be held with a public hearing. The hearing will be posted and held on 3/14/2022.
- TA is working with Moderator Barry Decristofano and reported the Town Meeting preparations have begun. Town meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dennett School with the use of two rooms to help with social distancing.
- SA is working with TA on the open seats and reappointment process. SA will be sending an email to each Board and Committee that has expiring and open seats.

### **Warrants Paid**

- SA reported warrants paid equal \$32,338.04

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATES**

- Reported a total of 27 applications have been received for the position for Chief of Police and she will be meeting with Bernie Lynch for review.
- Busy with the budget season and the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for 3/7/2022.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Police Department is requesting the BOS vote the 2003 ATV as surplus. Motion by CJ to add the 2003 ATV as surplus. Seconded by MR. Roll call vote: 3-0.
- Highway FY22 Snow & Ice Budget Emergency

CJ made motion to ratify the emergency for the FY22 Snow & Ice deficit.

Seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0.**

- Letter from the Silver Lake Regional School Committee requesting the town use ARPA funds to support the HVAC improvement proposal.

- Resignation letter from Kim Russo as a member of the Bylaw Review Committee effective immediately.

### **MINUTES**

- Motion by CJ to approve 01/31/2022 Open Session minutes. Seconded by MR. Roll call vote: 3-0.

### **RAVES**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

7:43 Motion to adjourn to Executive Session Purpose 7 by CJ. Seconded by MR. Roll call vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Briggette Martins