

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**

May 9, 2022

Plympton Town House

### **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**

5:45p.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. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

### **Appointments**

- CJ made a motion to appoint Matthew Ahl as Police Chief effective May 9, 2022 until May 8, 2025. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**
- CJ made a motion to appoint Daniel Hoffman as Police Lieutenant effective May 9, 2022 until May 8, 2025. Seconded, MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

### **General Preparations for the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting**

- The BOS were joined by Town Moderator Barry Decristofano, Town Accountant Lisa Hart, Dennett School Committee Chair Jon Wilhelmsen, Fire Chief Steve Silva, Police Chief Matt Ahl, and members of the Finance Committee to review motions and recommendations, along with budget lines on Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles. A

walk through at the Dennett took place earlier on May 9<sup>th</sup> to confirm preparations were in place.

### **Notice of Award**

- A total of 5 bids were received. The Selectmen voted to award the Town House roof project to JD&D Construction out of Webster, MA for \$162,000. CJ made a motion to award JD&D the roof project for the Town House. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

### **Procedures**

- Town Clerk Patricia Detterman joined the meeting to discuss the BOS procedure for storage of contracts and requests for Public Records to their office. Ms. Detterman wanted copies of all contracts to be kept in her office. CJ explained that contracts are available and they are under the control of the Town Accountant and the appointing authority. The appointing authority is the Board of Selectmen as they are the signatories of the contracts. CJ also explained that Town Counsel had assured the Selectmen that their way of dealing with such requests was perfectly proper procedure. Voted: CJ made a motion to reaffirm the Town Accountant will be the primary custodian of the contracts with a copy in the Selectmen's office as the signatory of employment contracts. The town will continue to process requests for these documents through Freedom of Information requests consistent with past practice and applicable law. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

### **Reappointments**

- The BOS reviewed the list of appointed employees for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023. CJ made a motion to appoint the list provided by TA & SA of Town Employees effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

### **Warrants Paid**

- SA reported warrants paid equal \$6,623.99

### **Town Administrator Update**

- TA is working with the Town Accountant extra funding opportunities awarded to the town. There is \$25,000 being earmarked for conservation/recreation uses and \$115,000 for Mass DOT related spending.
- There is potential American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds coming from the State.

- TA announced Anne Sayles as the Boston Post Cane recipient. Council on Aging Director Colleen Thompson delivered the cane to Ms. Sayles at her home. She celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday this month.

### **Minutes**

Motion by CJ to approve 4/25/2022 Open Session minutes as amended. Seconded by MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

- Motion by CJ to approve 04/28/2022 Open Session minutes as amended. Seconded by JT. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

### **BOS Raves**

### **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by CJ, seconded JT. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brigette Martins