

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, March 29, 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

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: Brigitte Martins.

Participants added to the call: Melanie Whitney

Interview:

The Board of Selectmen interviewed finalist Melanie Whitney for the position of Town Accountant. The position was advertised for 25 hours with a salary range between \$52k-\$65K. Each member of the Board introduced themselves asked Ms. Whitney questions regarding her strengths, weaknesses, her job experiences, what she could offer to the town and what she is looking for. Ms. Whitney introduced herself to the board and answered the questions presented to her. She described herself, her accomplishments, qualifications, and what she was looking for.

6:15 p.m. 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.

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

At 6:35 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

Chairman Russo announced that the Board of Selectmen had voted unanimously to offer the position of Town Accountant to Melanie Whitney, upon the retirement of present Town Accountant Barbara Gomez, pending final negotiations led by Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy.

6:38 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to end the open meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Briggette D. Martins