

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

February 27, 2023

Town of Plympton

IN ATTENDANCE

Selectmen Christine Joy (CJ), John Traynor (JT) and Mark Russo (MR), Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy (TA), and Assistant Briggette Martins (SA).

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 CHRISTINE 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 3, CJ declared that BOS would return to Open Session after the adjournment of Executive Session. **Roll call vote 3-0.**

Public Hearing

CJ asked MR to moderate the Public Hearing. MR reported that the hearing notices were published in the Plympton-Halifax Express as required and confirmed with TA that abutters had been notified as required. MR read the hearing notices verbatim for SLT Construction. Alexander Weisheit, the representative of KP Law, joined the meeting as the Town's Counsel. MR presented ground rules for the hearing and discussed how the hearing would proceed. He asked if there were any concerns. None were raised.

Those in favor of the application spoke first. Mr. Opachinski, the owner of SLT Construction Corporation (SLT) did a PowerPoint presentation. He noted that SLT submitted an earth removal permit application to the Town. The land in question is approximately 23 acres and is located on Spring Street. SLT is requesting a permit

for earth removal work as well as construction of a facility to process construction materials and recycle concrete, asphalt, brick, and stumps.

Mr. Opachinski noted that SLT is looking to remove 104,00 cubic yards of material, 50 truckloads per day and noted that the trucks would not be traveling on any Plympton roads. Mr. Opachinski estimated the work to be completed in eight months. Several people spoke in favor of the application and spoke of Mr. Opachinski's reputation as a developer and employer.

Those against the application then spoke. MR also read all letters and emails submitted to the BOS Assistant. Concerns raised centered around potential damage to water aquifer, damage to surrounding wetlands, noise and dust pollution, and the fact that the end use of the project may not be allowable in Plympton.

A motion by CJ was then made to close the evidentiary part of the hearing and seconded by JT. Roll call vote: 3/0. BOS then discussed the pros/cons of the project. It was decided not to vote to approve the application at this time and that more information regarding the project and its environmental impact on the land and its surrounding parcels would be helpful.

Three motions were made:

1. MR made a motion to continue the hearing to 3/27/2023. Seconded CJ. Roll call vote: 3/0.
2. MR made motion to move forward in seeking advice from Town Counsel and a hydrologist on the project. Seconded CJ. Roll call vote: 3/0.
3. MR made a motion authorizing TA to work with Town Counsel and SLT Construction and Mr. Opachinski to cover the costs associated with hiring a hydrologist to review the project. Seconded CJ. Roll call vote: 3/0

Public Hearing continued to 3/27/2023.

Updates & Discussions

Announcement of Votes

CJ made a motion to approve the 1-year extension of the Town Administrator Agreement effective 3/28/2023, giving the Town 3 additional years of the TA services. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Appointment

CJ made a motion to reappoint Jeffrey Montello to the Board of Registrars effective 4/1/2023 to 3/31/2026. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Turkey Swamp Purchase

MR made the motion the BOS sign the and accept the documents for the purchase of Turkey Swamp. Seconded, CJ. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Snow & Ice Budget

Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte has expended the budget and requests the BOS approve the emergency for the Snow & Ice deficit. CJ made a motion to declare a snow and ice emergency. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Comcast/Xfinity Renewal

CJ made a motion to appoint MR to represent the BOS in the preliminary process for the Comcast/Xfinity renewal. Seconded JT. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Warrants Paid

SA reported \$16,565.04

Minutes

CJ made a motion to approve the 01/23/2023 and the 02/13/2023 minutes as written. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Dates to Remember

BOS Open Meeting at 5:45 p.m., unless otherwise noted 3/13/2023, 3/27/2023

BOS Raves

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by CJ. Seconded MR. **Roll call vote: 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Briggette Martins