

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**Open Session**  
**Monday, April 26, 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](http://town.plympton.ma.us)

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

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: Briggette Martins.

Participants added to the call: Town Moderator Barry Decristofano, Patricia Detterman, Jon Wilhelmsen, Nate Sides and members of the Finance Committee, Lisa Hart, Chief Silva, Alan Wheelock. Express Correspondent: Kristy Zamagni-Twomey.

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

Chairman Russo opened the meeting requesting Jon Wilhelmsen speak first to review and discuss the articles that pertained to the Plympton School Committee and Town Properties Committee. Jon discussed the potential roof project at the Fire

station and several projects the Plympton Town Properties Committee is working on. The Board thanked Jon for all of his volunteering in town.

Barry Decristofano is the Town Moderator and will be assisted by Brian Wick in the second room. The Town Meeting will be at the Dennett School and will run the same as the 2020 meeting due to the Covid restrictions. Barry will draft a letter to be posted to the Express paper on what residents can expect at the meeting.

The Board discussed, assigned, and voted on the recommendation for each of the STM warrant articles being presented at Town Meeting. The first seven Special Town Meeting warrants will be presented by Christine Joy. MR made a motion to ratify and accept the 11 Special Town Meeting Articles. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to not recommend Article 11b.**

The Board discussed, assigned and voted on each of the ATM warrant articles being presented. TA will provide the language to each of the Department/Chair heads presenting. MR recommended Articles 1 through 36. With the exception of place holds on Articles 4, 30, 33 and 35. MR made a motion to ratify the recommendations for each article, excluding the place holds. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

- Article 4 - Budget, JT removed his requested hold. MR made motion to ratify the recommendation for article 4. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**
- Article 30 - Accessory Dwelling Bylaw, recommendation is pending the May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 Planning Board meeting. MR made motion to hold the recommendation for Town Meeting, pending the report of the Planning Board. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**
- Article 33 - Silver Lake Capital Stabilization Fund, MR made motion to not recommend article 33. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**
- Article 35 – Hydrogeologic Study – Rocky Harvest. JT discussed his disapproval of the article. MR and CJ were both in favor. The article requires a majority vote. MR made a motion to ratify the recommendation of article 35. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/1.**

**The Finance Committee voted to not recommend Article 29, Article 32, Article 33 and passed over Article 35 due to lack of information presented.**

#### **School Budget:**

MR made a motion to approve the Finance Committee's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 of \$11,990,351. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

**Appointment:**

MR made a motion to appoint Ronald W. Drollett, Jr. as Highway Laborer until 6/30/2021. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

**Town Administrator and Correspondence Update:**

The town has had an increase of COVID cases. The BOH received a report of 8 new case over two weeks and is closely tracking the reports. TA is continuing to work on completing grants eligible to the town. The Green Communities Grant for the Dennett has been extended to September.

The Plympton Police Association will be selling Autism Awareness Patches at the Transfer Station. All proceeds will be given to the Doug Flutie Foundation.

Friends of the COA requested use of the Town Green for a yard sale for May 1, 2021 with a rain date of May 8, 2021. The BOH has approved the plan submitted for following the social rules. MR made motion to approve the request from the Friends of the COA pending authorization of required departments. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Eversource Gas has requested a gas main replacement. The project will begin at the Halifax Town-Line over to the Kingston Town-Line. This will affect the area of Grove Street. The project is to begin April 28-29<sup>th</sup>. Road closures are to be expected.

The meeting concluded with a “Rave” by each member of the Select Board.

6:49 p.m. MR made a motion to adjourn the April 26, 2021 Board of Selectmen Open Session meeting. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brigette D. Martins