

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**Open Session**  
**Monday, July 26, 2021**

In attendance: Chairman Christine Joy, Clerk Mark Russo, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy, and Selectmen's Assistant: Briggette Martins.

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 Joy 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)

**Appointments:**

- Steve Silva to Emergency Management – Indefinite
- John Sjostedt to Emergency Management Team until 6/30/2023
- Cathy Ferguson to Emergency Management until 6/30/23
- David Zeoli to Council on Aging until 6/30/2024
- Vote: CJ made a motion to appoint the above list. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

**Power Options Energy Consortium:**

- The BOS discussed the application for power options. This is a consortium the town can join as part of potentially pursuing the rooftop solar project at Dennett Elementary with one of their vendors and if we're interested in natural gas savings projects, etc. This will also help with procurement processes. The annual membership rate is \$550 (based on our usage). The

town would not be bound to a contract with them and if the town does not utilize the services, we would not need to renew. Vote: CJ made a motion to approve the application for membership. Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 2/0.**

**Consent Agenda:**

- CJ requested BOS to remove minutes from consent agenda and add Use of Town Property request.

**Safety/Speed Zones:**

Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte joined the meeting to update the BOS. The stencils for painting roadway markings have been received and he is waiting for the paint and reflective additive. Painting should begin in a few weeks.

**Area 58 & Cable Contract:**

The BOS will add this to the 8/9/21 BOS Agenda for further discussion when Vice-Chair John Traynor is available.

**Operating Principles:**

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**Carver Urban Renewal Project:**

TA and CJ reached out to Rick LaFond from Carver and are waiting for a return call or email. Residents from Plympton joined the call for updates. The residents have concerns on possible changes to the original plan that had been submitted in 2016. The Selectboard is seeking clarification on the current version of the site plan.

6:05 Vice-Chair John Traynor joined the meeting.

**Area 58 & Cable Contract:**

The BOS reopened the discussion on the Comcast cable contract. JT would like to have Wi-Fi capability at the Old Town House. TA will contact Comcast on what the contract offers.

**Operating Principles:**

The BOS reopened the discussion to have the Operating Principles protocol amended as requested by Vice Chair JT. The amendment would suggest the BOS assign a BOS Member as mediator in resolving issues between boards, committees and town officials.

CJ and MR believe that any issue is better left to the Town Administrator to resolve. TA is currently handling this and if she is need of any assistance, she will reach out to the BOS.

**Town Administrator Update:**

TA reported Plympton currently has one positive case of COVID. The Hazard Mitigation Grant is under review with FEMA & MEMA. TA met with John Traynor, Town Accountant Lisa Hart, and Town Treasurer Christine Kelly to discuss the expectations and goals with the new heads of the town's finance department.

**Correspondence:**

The BOS received a letter from Angley & Angley Attorney at Law on behalf of John W. Norrie, regarding Town-owned land identified as parcel: 14-2-26. TA read the letter as requested.

**Minutes:**

Open Session 6/21/2021

CJ made motion to approve the June 21, 2021 Open Session minutes as amended.

Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Open Session 7/12/2021

CJ made motion to approve the July 12, 2021 Open Session minutes as written.

Seconded MR. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

**Warrants Paid:**

BOS Warrants paid for the week totaled \$144,689.51.

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

6:50 p.m. CJ made a motion to adjourn the May 21, 2021 Board of Selectmen Open Session meeting. Seconded, JT. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brigette D. Martins