

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

January 27, 2020
Plympton Town House

Meeting called to order:

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM and immediately went to Executive Session.

In Attendance:

- Board of Selectmen (BOS): Christine M. Joy (CJ), John A. Traynor, Jr. (JT), Mark E. Russo (MR), Town Administrator: Elizabeth Dennehy (TA). The Selectmen's Assistant: Briggette Martins joined the Open Session Meeting

Meeting called to order:

- The BOS returned to Open Session meeting at 6:15 PM

Appointments, Discussions and Updates:

- 6:15 – The BOS addressed a report from Transfer Station Attendant, Art Morin, of a resident repeatedly entering the Transfer Station with no inspection sticker visible on their vehicle. The resident is Mark Leshefsky. The BOS had addressed this same report back on 12/4/19 and advised Mr. Leshefsky of the Transfer Stations rules and regulations. BOS invited employees of the Transfer Station, Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte, and the Leshefsky's to discuss the recent complaints. Pictures were presented by Mr. Morin to the BOS showing the vehicle had entered the transfer station on 1/4/20 with no sticker visible. Mr. Leshefsky stated his previous sticker blew off and he had purchased a new sticker that has been on the rear window of his vehicle for the past 7-8 weeks. BOS again showed Mr. Leshefsky the picture of the rear window of his vehicle dated 1/4/20 with no sticker. BOS Christine Joy called a recess and BOS John Traynor verified the sticker is now on the vehicle. Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte suggested if a 2020 renewal sticker is purchased that he will personally apply the sticker to Mr. Leshefsky's vehicle. All parties agreed. BOS Christine Joy strongly stated that rules and regulations must be followed by all residents and if there is another report of non-compliance further action will be taken.
- 6:47 PM Public hearing on the Town's Right of First Refusal on Harju Brother's Cranberries Inc. land located on Lake Street was opened.

Selectmen Russo reported that the hearing notice was published in the Plympton Halifax Express and read the hearing notice verbatim.

- Selectmen Russo opened the hearing for testimony in favor and in opposition of the Town exercising it's right of first refusal.
- Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board discussed the property and agreed not to pursue purchasing the property.

MR made a motion that the Town will not be exercising their right of first refusal for the 119-acre parcel on Lake Street owned by Harju Brother's Cranberries, Inc. Seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0**

- 6:52 PM Public hearing on the Town's Right of First Refusal on Harju Brother's Cranberries Inc. land located on Main Street was opened. Selectmen Russo reported that the hearing notice was published in the Plympton Halifax Express and read the hearing notice verbatim.
 - Selectmen Russo opened the hearing for testimony in favor and in opposition of the Town exercising it's right of first refusal.
 - Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board discussed the property and agreed not to pursue purchasing the property.

MR made a motion that the Town will not be exercising their right of first refusal for the 123-acre parcel on Main Street owned by Harju Brother's Cranberries, Inc. Seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0.**

- TA and JT updated the BOS of the meeting with GATRA. The Town can apply for a membership that will require a vote from the BOS and a letter a letter of support from the Chamber of Commerce. Currently the Toen paus a \$20K assessment to the MBTA. These funds could be transferred over to GATRA.

JT made a motion that the Board of Selectmen vote the following: The Town of Plympton hereby requests to become a member community of the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 161B as amended by Chapter 123 of the 2006 Economic Stimulus Bill. Seconded by MR. Discussion – No further discussion. **Vote: 3/0.**

- Warrants Paid.
- The Open Annual and Special Town Meeting will be held on May 13, 2020 at the Dennett School at 7:00 p.m. Warrants close at midnight 3/30/20.

CJ made motion to open the FY21 Annual and Special Town Meeting warrants. Seconded MR. **Vote: 3/0.**

- Discussed the budget process and procedure for employee performance evaluations and reviews.
- Execute the Agreement between the Town of Plympton and Beta Group, Inc. for professional services for the Plympton Town Campus feasibility study and concept design.

CJ made motion to sign the contract for professional services with Beta Group.

Seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0.**

- JT discussed events and happenings in town and suggested posting weekly spotlights on social media networks.

Town Administrator Discussion:

- Updated the BOS of the FEMA flood insurance section 8.1 article language and Map panels update.
- Working on the submitted budgets from departments. Next Finance Committee meeting is 2/10/20.

Correspondence:

- The Town Campus Center Committee requests approval to change the name of the committee to Town Properties Committee. No change in members.

JT made motion to approve the change of name from Town Campus Center Committee to Town Properties Committee. Seconded CJ. **Vote: 3/0.**

- Assistant Town Clerk Bond – Nancy Magnussen

JT made motion to sign the Western Surety bond in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the Assistant Town Clerk Nancy Magnussen. Seconded MR. **Vote: 3/0.**

- Highway FY20 Snow & Ice Budget Emergency

CJ made motion to approve the emergency for the FY20 Snow & Ice Budget.

Seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0.**

- Ragnar Relay Cape Code 2020 Race Request May 8th & 9th.

CJ made motion to approve the Ragnar Relay Cape Code 2020 Race Request subject to the approval from the Highway, Police, & Fire departments. Seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0.**

- Plympton Halifax Express

Next Open Session BOS Meeting is 02/03/20 & 02/10/20.

Minutes:

- Open Session 01/06/20

CJ made motion to approve the 01/06/20 Open Session minutes as written.

Seconded JT. **Vote: 2/0/1.** MR recused from the vote.

8:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by CJ, seconded JT. **Vote: 3/0.**
Respectfully submitted,
Brigette Martins