

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**Open Session**  
**Monday, August 10, 2020**  
**Zoom Video Teleconferencing**

The Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Russo at 5:30PM.

**Voted to go immediately into Executive Session**

Open Session called to order by Chairman Mark Russo at 6:25PM.

In Attendance:

Board of Selectmen (BOS): Selectwoman Christine Joy (CJ), Mark E. Russo (MR), and John A. Traynor, Jr. (JT). Town Administrator: Elizabeth Dennehy (TA) and Selectmen's Assistant: Brigette Martins

Participants added to the call: Police Chief Matt Clancy, Jon Wilhelmsen of the Plympton School Committee, Kristy Zamagni-Twomey of the Plympton-Halifax Express, residents of the town, Elizabeth Westley and Dominique Sampson.

**Plympton Police Chief Update:**

Chief Matthew Clancy updated the Board of Selectmen on the challenges the police department has had during the pandemic. Classes for officers have been delayed by 6 months. Chief Clancy discussed the recent changes in his staff. Dana Fowler has retired and half of the full-time officers have left for other towns. The Chief thanked the officers for their service to the Town. Chief Clancy is working on the completion of the digital radio conversion, fiber optics, certification programs and following best practices.

**Safety Zones:**

Selectmen Russo and Town Administrator Liz Dennehy met with Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte to discuss the declaration of two safety zones. This has been placed on hold and will be added to a future BOS agenda.

**State Primary Election:**

Selectmen Russo made a motion to vote on the Warrant for the State Primary Election. Seconded, CJ. **Vote: 3/0.**

**Common Victuallers License:**

Selectmen Russo made a motion to approve the Common Victuallers License 2020 renewal for the Moon & Back Café. Seconded, CJ. **Vote: 3/0.**

**North Plympton Cemetery:**

John Traynor discussed the clean-up of the North Plympton Cemetery located on County Road. Mr. Traynor would like to have the Scouts or volunteers help with the project. He will reach out to the current owners of the land for permission.

**Board of Selectmen Representation on Regional & Negotiations Committees:**

Selectwoman Joy is currently representing the Town on several committees and would like to have it broken up between the members of the Board.

**Protected Health Information:**

Town Counsel has suggested the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a privacy policy for town employees and officials. MR made a motion to adopt and issue a privacy policy for all town employees and officials. Seconded, CJ. **Vote: 3/0.**

**School Update:**

Jon Wilhelmsen updated the BOS on the reopening of School for Fall 2020. The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The number of required school days has been reduced from 180 day to 170 days. Per the order of Governor Baker, the 10-day difference can be used only at the beginning of the school year. The Dennett will open in a hybrid phase, bringing the younger students in first. The High School will be hybrid learning with a 4 day in school and 1-day remote learning schedule.

**Email Addresses:**

Selectmen Traynor discussed having the town website updated with the email addresses and telephone numbers for each board and committee member.

**2021 Contracts Expiring:**

The Selectmen agreed to start discussions for the 2021 expiring contracts in January 2021.

**BOS Goals, Projects and Priorities:**

The Board amended the goals and priorities list that was presented at the 7/20 BOS meeting. The list will be added to future agendas.

**Town Administrators Update:**

TA discussed the recent false rumor of the Council on Aging (COA) being dissolved in the Town. The Meals on Wheels program is active and working out of Halifax. On Monday's at the Plympton Town House, bread and desserts are available to residents until 2 p.m. The COA has recently purchased pop-up tents, chairs and tables for future outdoor events once it is safe. A new COA van was recently purchased and will be available for residents to be transferred to appointments easier. TA informed the BOS of the one-time rent assistance available to low income households through Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. TA will post the link on the town website and social media outlets.

The Town House was recently disinfected for Covid-19 by Serv-Pro. This will continue periodically for the safety of the employees and the public. Notification will be sent to the staff when a spray is scheduled.

**Minutes:**

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MR made motion to approve the June 22, 2020 and the July 20,2020 Open Session minutes as amended. Seconded CJ. **Vote: 3/0.**

The Selectmen each gave a Rave before closing the meeting.

8:08 PM Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by MR. Seconded JT. Vote: 3/0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Briggette Martins