

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Monday, September 21, 2020
Zoom Video Teleconferencing

The Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Russo at 5:45PM.

In Attendance:

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

Participants added to the call: Treasurer Collector Colleen Morin. Plympton-Halifax Express Correspondent: Kristy Zamagni-Twomey.

Board of Health:

The Board of Health held a meeting on September 22, 2020 and voted to implement a Supplemental Guidance Order Regulating Gatherings in Town Buildings. TA read memo that stated; The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Third Revised Order Regulating Gatherings (COVID-19 Order N. 46) states that indoor gatherings are limited to 8 persons per 1,000 square feet of accessible, indoor floor space and never more than 25 persons in a single enclosed space. Additionally, all participants shall maintain at least six feet of physical distance from every other participant.

The Board of Health has made the decision to discontinue in-person meetings on town-owned property until further notice. At the present time, Boards/Committees are meeting virtually, and there are no plans to change this. However, in the event that a Board/Committee were convening a meeting to review a large plan set or conduct business that is otherwise not able to be effectively completed virtually, then arrangements can be made to hold an in-person meeting with participants following the current protocol of wearing a mask and maintaining 6-foot social distancing. To request an in-person meeting, please notify Elizabeth Dennehy, Art Morin, Steve Silva and Cathy Ferguson from the town's Emergency Management Team to assist with the arrangements. A Board/Committee may contact the Town Administrator for assistance convening remote meetings.

All Boards of Health in the Commonwealth must put the health and safety of its citizens first during this difficult time. The guidance given by the Commonwealth has strongly urged local Boards of Health to not let down their guard at this time and

to continue to stringently enforce best practices and protocol around social distancing in order to keep our citizens safe.

Council on Aging:

JT updated the BOS of the recent resignations from Joy Marble as the Council on Aging Director and Joyce Curran as Plympton's Outreach worker. JT spoke to each board member of the COA under the guidance of TA of the recent changes. TA will draft a job description of COA Director position and send to BOS and COA members for review.

Treasurer/Collector Update:

The Treasurer/Collector Colleen Morin was invited by the BOS to give an update on the department. Currently there are 14 properties going into Tax Title, 10 being land of low value, two properties under foreclosure, and four businesses that have unpaid Personal Property Tax. The town has received two proposals for land donations on Center Street and Grove Street. All excise tax commitments are up to date and demands and warrants have been issued. CJ requested the list of Town owned property be sent to the Town Center Campus Committee for review. The BOS thanked Colleen for the updates and for attending the meeting.

Bylaw Review Committee Meeting Update:

Selectmen Chair Mark Russo attended the Bylaw Review Meeting last week. The committee will be sending Zoning Officer Tom Millias a list of their concerns for review and the protocol voted on at Town Meeting that they want enforced for violations.

Plympton Zoning Bylaws 2.1.1(e)

The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall respond within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request (with a copy to the Board of Selectmen) to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw against any person alleged to be in violation thereof. Such a response shall be in writing, shall specify the action taken or declined to be taken, and shall set forth the reasons for the Zoning Enforcement Officer's decision.

School District:

School is now back in session with. Plympton Fire Chief Steve Silva and Christine Healy of the Silver Lake School District are working on the reimbursements to the town relative to school due to COVID.

Future Agenda Items:

The Board of Selectmen will invite Wendy Jones to discuss the progress of the Board of Assessor department to the next meeting on 10/5/20. The Selectmen's Projects & Priorities list will be added on the next agenda for the BOS and TA to discuss.

Town Administrator:

The Town Administrator is contacting the programs affiliated with the COA of the recent resignation of Joy Marble. TA reassured the BOS the Meals on Wheels and Brown Bag program will continue. TA is working on the Hazard Mitigation quarterly report due soon.

Correspondence:

Request for a street crossing for solar project on Ring Road – to be discussed at a future BOS meeting to include Highway Superintendent Rob Firlotte.

Minutes:

The Minutes of September 8, 2020 were approved as amended.

Motion made by (MR), Seconded (CJ). **Vote: 3/0**

The meeting concluded with a “Rave” by Selectwoman Joy.

6:35 PM Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by (MR). Seconded (CJ). **Vote: 3/0**

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Traynor, Jr.

Briggette D. Martins