

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**Open Session**  
**Monday, May 18, 2020**

**Zoom Video Teleconferencing**

The Open Session meeting was called to order by Christine Joy at 5:30PM.

In Attendance:

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

Participants added to the call: Jon Wilhelmsen of the Plympton School Committee, Nate Sides, Marilyn Browne, Steve Lewis, Kathryn Shephard, and Michael Lemieux of the Plympton Finance Committee, Linda Leddy of the Conservation Committee, and Barbara Gomez the Town Accountant.

**Finance Committee budget overview:**

The Finance Committee chair Nathaniel Sides gave a brief overview of the results of budget process. The proposed budget is presently at \$11,412,323. The initial budget requests sought was an increase of 6.7% totaling \$12,031,941. Finance Committee reduced the budget down to an increase of 1.2%. The Cost of Living Adjustment has been set at 1.6%. Nate Sides recommended the Finance Committee vote. Steve Lewis made a motion to approve and submit the budget to the Board of Selectmen. Seconded Michael Lemieux. Christine Joy made a motion the BOS approve the FY21 budget as submitted in the amount of \$11,412,323. Seconded JT, 3/0.

**Review of the FY21 budget and recommendations on Annual Town Meeting (ATM) warrant articles**

ATM Articles 1-12: TA reviewed each article and reported the Finance Committee recommendations to approve each. On each article CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend the approvals of ATM articles 1-12. Each vote on these articles was unanimous in favor. VOTE: 3-0.

ATM Article 13: TA reviewed the article and reported the Finance Committee recommendation to amend the sum from \$20,000 sum of \$10,000. CJ made a motion to amend and approve Article 13 for the sum of \$10,000. JT seconded. VOTES: 3-0.

ATM Articles 14-24: TA reviewed each article and reported the Finance Committee recommendations to approve each. On each article CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend the approvals of ATM articles 14-24. Each vote on these articles was unanimous in favor. VOTE: 3-0.

ATM Article 25: TA reviewed the article recommendation from Planning Board. CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend the article as written. VOTE: 3-0.

ATM Article 26-27: TA reviewed each article recommendation from Town Clerk and Bylaw Review Committee. The articles were submitted with the date of May 2019 Annal Town Meeting. The dates on both articles are being amended to December 2019 Special Town Meeting. CJ made a motion to approve the articles as amended and JT seconded. VOTE: 3-0.

ATM Article 28: TA reviewed the article recommendation from Finance Committee. CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend the article as written. VOTE: 3-0.

ATM Articles 29-32: TA reviewed each article and reported the Board of Assessors recommendations to approve each. On each article CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend the approvals of ATM articles 28-33. Each vote on these articles was unanimous in favor. VOTE: 3-0.

ATM Article 33: TA reviewed the article. The Finance Committee and BOS vote was deferred. NO VOTE

ATM Article 34: TA reviewed the article recommendation from Finance Committee. Town Accountant Barbara Gomez requested amending the Article verbiage. No recommendation was made. The Finance Committee and BOS vote was deferred. NO VOTE

**Review and recommendations on Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant articles:**

STM Articles 1-7: TA reviewed each article and reported Finance Committee recommendation to approve each. On each article CJ made a motion and JT seconded for BOS to recommend approval to Special Town Meeting. Each vote on these articles was unanimous in favor. VOTES: 3-0.

**Motion to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the Special Town Meeting Warrant:**

Motion to sign each warrant made by CJ and seconded by JT. VOTE: 3-0.

**Town Administrator Updates:**

TA updated the BOS of the COVID-19 status in town. The Town House will be prepped and ready to reopen to the public on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Employees will have access to prepare their offices on June 26<sup>th</sup> for the reopening. The Transfer Station has resumed normal hours. There are reports of two confirmed and two potential cases of COVID in Plympton. TA has scheduled a ZOOM call for Town House employee and board members for Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM.

8:24 PM. Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by CJ. Seconded JT. Vote: 3/0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Briggette Martins