

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Open Session

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Zoom Video Teleconferencing

The meeting was called to order by Christine Joy at 5:30PM. In attendance: Christine Joy, Mark Russo, John Traynor, Elizabeth Dennehy.

Voted: to go into Executive Session for the following purpose:
M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a) Purpose 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel regarding Interim Police Chief.

M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a) Purpose 6: To consider the purchase Exchange, lease or value of real property if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Motion Christine Joy second John Traynor.

Roll call vote: Mr. Traynor yes; Mr. Russo yes; Mrs. Joy yes.

Open Session Meeting called to order at 6:23 PM

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: Brigette Martins

A participant added to the call was a representative of the Plympton-Halifax Express.

Town Administrator updates: TA gave an update on status of the COVID-19 stay at home advisory until May 18th given by Governor Baker. Town House employees are continuing working from remotely from home with some departments working on scheduled days approved by the Town Administrator. The scheduled pest control maintenance has been completed on April 29th at the Library. The transfer station is continuing to run smoothly with the new hours and residents are abiding to the new rules in place. The Emergency Management Team has been discussing making temporary changes to the Town House offices to secure the safety of the employees for when they return.

Memorial Day: TA and Chief Silva discussed the postponement of this year's Memorial Day Commemoration event. Most Towns have cancelled or postponed. The commemoration could be held on Veterans Day, November 11th. The BOS will add this to the May 6th agenda.

Prospect Road Lots: The final bidding deadline for the 3 lots on Prospect Road has been extended to Noon on May 20th. Vote: CJ made motion to approve the deadline of May 20th for the 3 lots on Prospect Road. Seconded, JT. 3/0.

Hazardous Tree: TA has been in discussions with the Plympton Tree Warden Bill Hayes regarding the removal of a tree on the Town Green. TA has requested the BOS approve her signing off on the behalf of the Board. This item will be added to the May 7th agenda for further discussion.

Ring Road: The town received a request from Next Sun Energy to perform an underground electrical crossing on Ring Road. This will be added to the May 6th agenda for further discussion.

Minutes Format: JT is requesting the format of the minutes be amended. Vote: CJ made motion to adopt the minutes format proposed by John Traynor with the suggestion of Mark Russo to bold the topic. Seconded, JT. 3/0.

Approval of Minutes:

Open Session Minutes 04/23/20

CJ made motion to approve the 04/23/20 Open Session minutes as written.

Seconded JT. Vote: 3/0

Zoning Bylaw Codification: TA received a request from the Town Clerk Patricia Detterman to see if the Town will vote to accept the renumbering and revision of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town from its original numbering, as amended through the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Plympton, dated _____ 2020, said codification of the Zoning Bylaw having been done under the direction of the Planning Board, and being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present Zoning Bylaw, including amendments thereto. All Zoning Bylaws, as amended, heretofore in force, shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law. The Zoning Bylaw shall be codified as Chapter 300 of the “Code of the Town of Plympton, Massachusetts.”

TA is requesting the Board of Selectmen to vote to forward this to the Planning Board for their public hearing process. This is part of the required procedure under M.G.L. c.40A. Vote: JT made motion to have TA send the proposed town warrant article request by the Town Clerk to the Planning Board for review. Seconded, CJ. 3/0.

6:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by CJ. Seconded JT. Vote: 3/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Brigette Martins