

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
Open Session
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Zoom Video Teleconferencing

The Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the 5:45 p.m. Executive Session by Chairman Mark Russo. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

In Attendance:

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

Participants added to the call: Police Chief Matt Clancy, Jon Wilhelmsen, Jason Fraser, and Express Correspondent: Kristy Zamagni-Twomey.

Appointments:

- Madeline Pompei – Permitting and Planning Senior Clerk until 6/30/2021
MR made a motion to appoint Madeline Pompei as the Permitting and Planning Senior Clerk until 6/30/2021. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

- Daniel Hoffman - Acting Sergeant Plympton Police Department retroactive 12/1/2020.

MR made a motion to appoint Daniel Hoffman as Acting Sergeant Plympton Police Department retroactive 12/1/2020. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

- Stephanie Connolly as Special Police Officer, James Cranshaw as Part-time Police Officer, and Matthew Terenzi as Part-time Police Officer effective 01/01/2021.

MR made a motion to appoint Stephanie Connolly as Special Police Officer, James Cranshaw as Part-time Police Officer, and Matthew Terenzi as Part-time Police Officer effective 01/01/2021. Seconded CJ. **Roll-Call Vote: 3/0.**

Plympton Police Department:

Police Chief Matt Clancy updated the Board of Selectmen on the goals, achievements, and projects of the Plympton Police Department. They are working with police reform, COVID19 protocol, State certification for Policy Procedure Rules and Regulations, Unemployment Fraud cases, and U.S. DOT Grant Funding. Chief Clancy is currently working with TA and the Town House IT Specialist Michael Rodrigues on a town wide IT project to transfer the communications system over to fiber optics.

Letter of Intent Solar Project:

Andrea Schmidt of Select Energy has been working with Town Administrative Liz Dennehy, BOS Chair Mark Russo, Jon Wilhelmsen and Jason Fraser of the School Committee on obtaining a Letter of Intent from the BOS for a roof top solar project at the Dennett School. Jon discussed the different proposals presented for the installation of the solar panels to the roof, the possibility of tree removal, and the options to purchase the power generated. The School Committee will be meeting on 12/14/20 to discuss the matter further. MR made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent pending the approval of the School Committee at the 12/14/20 meeting. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-call Vote: 3/0.**

Award of Design Services – Town House Entrance:

Town Administrator Liz Dennehy worked with Town Properties Committee member Jon Wilhelmsen on the Town House Front Entrance Accessibility Project. TA is requesting the BOS award the design services to BETA Group, Inc. MR made a motion to enter into an agreement with BETA Group, Inc. for the Town House ADA Access Project. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-call Vote: 3/0.**

Award of Contract/Notice – Highway Barn Roof

The bid process closed for the Highway Barn Roof Replacement Project. Three bids were received. TA is requesting the BOS award the contract to NEL Corporation out of Middleton, MA. MR made a motion to approve the notice of intent to NEL Corporation. for the Highway Barn Roof Replacement Project pending successful receipt of required documents. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-call Vote: 3/0.** MR made motion to authorize TA, pending receipt of all necessary required documents, to execute the contract between The Town and NEL Corp. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-call Vote: 3/0.**

Annual License Renewals:

Administrative Assistant Briggette Martins will be contacting all Licensees that BOS Chair Mark Russo will be conducting a site review the week of the 12/14.

Ratification of Appointment Votes:

MR made a motion to ratify the vote of the appointments of Collen Thompson as the Director of Elder Affairs until 6/30/2021 and Carolyn DeCristofano as The Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals until 6/30/2022. Seconded, CJ. **Roll-call Vote: 3/0.**

Future Agenda Items:

The Board of Selectmen will invite members of Wage & Personnel to the next meeting on 12/21/20.

Correspondence:

The Board of Selectmen's office received two generous donations of gift cards to local grocery stores from Dominique Sampson, Elizabeth Westley, and The Friends of the Plympton Congregational Church. The gift cards will be distributed through the Council on Aging to families of the town.

Library Director Deb Batson received an anonymous gift donation of \$1,000.00 to be used for the Plympton Library as requested in the letter.

Town Administrator:

TA updated the BOS that Constellation New Energy, Inc has issued public notice regarding Plympton's Community Choice Power Supply Program, including steps if someone wishes to opt-out. The Town House roof assessment has been postponed due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled. The Highway department has received the new speed zone sign and will be installing them by the end of the week.

The Town House Staff will be working remotely effective December 14th through January 11th. Some staff will be accessing their office during this time. The Town House will be closed to the public. The Council on Aging will be available by appointment only for residents in need of the food pantry. Notifications will be posted to the website and social media accounts.

The meeting concluded with a "Rave" by each member of the Select Board.

7:11 PM Motion to adjourn BOS meeting by (MR). Seconded (CJ)

Respectfully Submitted,
Brigette D. Martins