

**Town of Rochester
Board of Selectmen**

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Bradford N. Morse, Chairman
Greenwood Hartley III, Vice Chairman
Paul Ciaburri, Clerk



Town Administrator
Suzanne E. Szyndlar
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2021**

Chairman Bradford Morse, Vice-Chairman Greenwood Hartley III, and Clerk Paul Ciaburri are all present.
The Board of Selectmen's Open Meeting is opened by Chairman Paul Ciaburri.

Minutes:

Motion: A motion is made by Selectman Hartley to approve the Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of June 7th, 2021 as written. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Selectmen's Signature:

Borrowing Anticipation Note- The Annual Borrowing Anticipation Note for the Fire Station Pumper Tanker is presented to the Board for signature.

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to sign the Borrowing Anticipation Note as presented. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Retirement Citation-

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to sign the retirement citation for Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Conservation Agent Contract Signing-

Motion: Selectman Hartley then makes a motion to sign the negotiated Conservation Agent contract with Merilee Kelly. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Correspondence:

Town Treasurer: Retirement Notice- The Board received notice from Town Treasurer Cynthia Mello informing them of her retirement, planned for October 31st, 2021.

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to accept the retirement notice and send Cynthia Mello a letter of appreciation when the time comes. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by informing the Board that she received notice from the Rochester School Committee that there has been a failure to elect a new member to the Committee at the Annual Election and a meeting will need to be called collectively between the School Committee and the

Board of Selectmen to appoint a resident into this one-year position until the next Annual Election. Selectman Hartley adds that any interested residents should submit a letter of interest to Superintendent Mike Nelson prior to the next meeting.

- Town Administrator Szyndlar next tells the Board that the next Selectmen's meeting is due to be scheduled on Tuesday, July 5th but recommends waiting until the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 19th, unless they should need to hold a meeting prior; the Board agree.
- Then, Town Administrator Szyndlar requests approval from the Board to be able to accept Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal government and be authorized as the representative to sign grant paperwork associated with these funds.

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to allow Town Administrator Szyndlar to serve as representative of the Board to accept and sign for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

- After this, Town Administrator Szyndlar informs the Board that she received a letter from the ROCCC (Regional Old Colony Communications Center) stating that the Town of Duxbury is seeking to extend the current intermunicipal agreement through FY '22 under its existing terms. They are also working with the Legislature to establish an Enterprise Fund, which will be used to manage regional dispatch operations in an effort to make the finances of the ROCCC more transparent and equitable for all of the communities they serve.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar lets the Board know that she recently received notification from SRPEDD that we are eligible for the next round of Regional Energy Planning Assistance that will allow them to continue to provide Green Communities planning assistance, up to a maximum of \$4,000 a year; July 2nd is the deadline to apply for the funding.

Old Business:

All payroll and vendor warrants have been signed by Selectman Ciaburri since the last meeting.

Set Special Town Meeting Date- Selectman Hartley makes a motion to set the Special Town Meeting date for Monday, October 18th at 7 P.M. to be held at the Rochester Memorial School, with an article submission deadline of September 17th. This motion is then seconded by Selectmen Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Solar Select Lease Special Town Meeting Article Discussion- The Board discusses putting an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant for the potential solar lease at Rochester Memorial School.

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to hold a spot on the warrant for the solar article. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morse then brings up a water update with the Town of Wareham. He mentions that he is planning to meet with the Town of Wareham after the 4th of July to discuss an extension of the Town's water allotment. He is considering requesting another 5 thousand gallons/day, though Mr. Underhill of the Water Commission, suggests requesting an additional 20 thousand. Conversation ensues between the BOS and Water Commissioners about volumes and timing of a request for additional water. As a result, the Board will request a meeting with Wareham after the July 4th Holiday. The Water Commissioners will be notified of the meeting date, time and place so that they can also attend.

Next, Selectman Hartley informs everyone that breakfast will be served again at the Council on Aging from 7- 9 A.M. starting June 28th.

Selectman Hartley also mentions that the Council on Aging is now replenishing their tax work-off list and any interested/qualified seniors can reach out to Council on Aging Director Eric Poulin for more information.

After this, Selectman Hartley asks for an update on the vacant Conservation Commission positions. Town Administrator Szyndlar states that she has passed over all letters of interest to the Conservation Commission for them to meet each candidate and submit their recommendations back to the Board after their July 6th meeting.

Selectman Hartley asks for an update on the vacant Town Planner Position. Town Administrator Szyndlar lets him know that the applicants have been forwarded to the Town Planner Search Committee, made up of Town Counsel, Selectmen Morse, and Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson for their review and to schedule interviews.

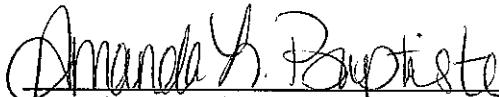
Lastly, Selectman Ciaburri informs everyone that the second COVID vaccine event held at the Fire Station was a success, with over 150 shots administered.

Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Hartley then makes a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting strategy session in preparation for negotiations with School Union personnel and not enter back into open session at the conclusion. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor and the Board enters Executive Session: Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.



Paul Ciaburri, Clerk



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