Town of Rochester Board of Selectmen

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



Town Administrator Suzanne E. Szyndlar Administrative Assistant Amanda L. Baptiste

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 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 Bradford Morse.

People on the Agenda:

Modification of Flammable Fluid License Hearing: SEMASS Covanta- The public hearing for the SEMASS Covanta Flammable Fluid License modification is postponed until September.

Selectmen's Signature:

Advance Funds in Lieu of Borrowing Report-

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to approve annual advance funds in lieu of borrowing report as presented. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Correspondence:

SEMASS PILOT Payment- July, 2021- The Board received notice of the SEMASS PILOT Payment for June, 2021 in the amount of \$335,310.

Town Clerk: Request to Designate Town Website as Official Method of Meeting Posting- Town Clerk Paul Dawson is in attendance to request from the Board approval to allow the Town's website to serve as the official meeting posting location going forward and no longer post the meetings on the board in front of Town Hall. He notes that the next step after the Board's approval would be to notify the Attorney General's Office of the change and all the affected Boards and Committees.

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to designate the Town's website as the official method of posting meeting notices in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. 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 due to COVID cases on the rise, she has recommended that employees wear a mask when working with the public, even if they are vaccinated.
- Town Administrator Szyndlar next tells the Board that the Town Planner Search Committee had recommended Kaitlin Young for the Town Planner position however, she declined the job offer.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar notes that the Town has received the official Green Communities plaque and display check in the amount of \$135,690. More Green Communities grant opportunities will be available soon.

Meeting Notices:

Selectman Ciaburri lets everyone know that he has the first Council on Aging Expansion Committee Meeting coming up and is looking forward to it.

Selectman Hartley states that he attended the most recent SRPEDD meeting, where talks of future funding opportunities in healthcare and infrastructure were discussed.

Old Business:

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

Appointment of Conservation Commission Members- The Board meets with Conservation Commission Chairman Chris Gerrior and reviews the Commission's recommendation letter for filling the vacancies on the Board; there were four interested candidates and two open positions, though the Conservation Commission may appoint their own associate member. The Board discusses the pros and cons for having the different candidates serve this position. Selectman Hartley mentions that he would like to see new people in the open volunteer positions as volunteers have been harder to find however, Selectman Morse likes the idea of a member serving on more than one Board/Commission to be able to help communication throughout the different Boards/Commissions. Conversation ensues.

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to appoint Matthew Bache to the Conservation Commission. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

Motion: Selectman Hartley then makes a motion to appoint Bill Milka to the Conservation Commission. There is no second on this motion.

Motion: Selectman Ciaburri then makes a motion to appoint Ben Bailey to the other open Conservation Commission position, Selectman Morse seconds this motion. The motion passes with a 2:1 vote, with Selectman Hartley in opposition.

Next, Selectman Hartley mentions that he has reviewed the O.R.R agreement, along with option from Marion's Town Counsel, regarding a clause on the swearing in timing of new School Committee members. They agree to bring up this topic at the upcoming Tri-Town Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Then, Selectman Hartley discusses questions regarding budgeting changes made within the new proposed Tri-Town agreement. Town Administrator Szyndlar notes that she, along with the Rochester Finance Committee, are invited to attend the next Marion Finance Committee meeting to discuss the agreement.

After this, Selectman Hartley asks about the tonnage reports received from ABC Disposal about the Zero Waste facility-Town Administrator Szyndlar informs him that she has received the latest report, though she and Selectman Morse plan to reach out and meet again with ABC Disposal soon.

New Business:

End of Year Appropriation Transfers- Town Administrator Szyndlar reviews the end of year appropriate transfers, totaling \$23,763.96

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to approve the year end appropriation transfers in the amount of \$23,793.96 as presented. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Hartley then makes a motion to adjourn the Open Board of Selectmen meeting. This motion is seconded by Selectman Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor and the meeting is adjourned.

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