

Town of Rochester

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2020

Chairman Paul Ciaburri, Vice Chairman Bradford Morse, and Clerk Greenwood Hartley III 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 Executive Session Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of July 20th, 2020 with the correction that the Board met in person as opposed to Zoom. This motion is seconded by Selectman Morse. All members of the Board are in favor; the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Motion: A motion is made by Selectman Hartley to approve the Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of July 20th, 2020 with one addition of requesting a thank you letter be sent to Mr. Landry for use of his photo for the Annual Town Report. This motion is seconded by Selectman Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

People on the Agenda:

Tri-Town Against Racism – Barbara Sullivan, Tanji Thomas, and Alison Noyce, of the group Tri-Town Against Racism give the Board a presentation of the purpose of their group, how it came to be, and different projects they have completed in the Tri-Town. Selectman Ciaburri thanks them for coming in and asks to be kept updated on their progress.

Selectmen's Signature:

Seaboard Solar Easement Signing- The Board is presented with the Seaboard Solar Easement agreement that had been approved at the Annual Town Meeting. This easement would allow access to the Seaboard Solar project located on Old Middleborough Road.

Motion: A motion is made by Selectman Morse to accept and sign the Seaboard Solar Easement Agreement as presented. This motion is seconded by Selectman Hartley. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Hartley then asks Town Counsel Bailey if there have been any updates in regards to PILOT agreement with any of the other solar projects in Town; there have not.

SEMASS PILOT Payment: June, 2020: The June 2020 SEMASS PILOT payment was received in the amount of \$246,069.

Town Administrator's Report/ COVID-19 Update:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by informing the Board that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced that the EEE virus has been detected in collection from Carver and Middleborough. Since Rochester borders these towns, the Town has been changed a high-risk area for EEE.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control is scheduled to do a town wide mosquito spraying on August 4th, weather permitting.

- Next, Town Administrator Szyndlar notes that with the upcoming anticipated Hurricane Isaias, residents are urged to monitor its progress and it is suggested to shelter in place. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the Council on Aging Emergency Shelter will not be used during this time.
- After this, Town Administrator Szyndlar gives the Board an update on Town Hall opening: She explains that she has a "reopening team" consisting of: the Building Inspector, Board of Health Agent, Facilities Manager, Town Counsel, and herself that is tasked with looking into options to be able to safely reopen the Town Hall. The team did a walkthrough of the building in July and assessed building needs. At this time Halo Air Purifiers have been installed in all buildings, more virus guards have been ordered, and a video intercom system is being made for the Town Hall and Annex building to help control the number of people entering the building at a time.
- Then, Town Administrator Szyndlar tells the Board that she received notice from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services that the Fiscal Year 2021 funding for Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) and Chapter 70 Education Aid has been level funded, which would give Rochester \$451,008 for UGGA and \$2,057,549 for Chapter 70, plus an additional \$20,000 for COVID 19 Aid.
- Green Communities Update- Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel has ordered everything that will be covered by the grant and is waiting on the shipment of lights and fixtures. To date, insulation of the attic and basement at the Library and insulation of pipes at the Police Station have been completed.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar lets the Board know that Governor Baker has officially accepted Juneteenth as a State Holiday, no action will need to be taken by the Board to observe the holiday.

Old Business:

Payroll and Vendor Warrant Approval- Selectman Ciaburri notes that all payroll and vendor warrants have been signed since the last meeting.

Selectman Ciaburri revisits the possibility of having a Veteran's Day event in Town since the Memorial Day event had been canceled, but it is mentioned that nothing can be held until the State is in "Stage 4". They agree to revisit this discussion again in early October.

New Business:

Discuss Special Town Meeting Date- Town Administrator suggests a date of November 16th to hold the Special Town Meeting. She is going to reach out to the Planning Board about any potential zoning articles and will report back to the Board to vote on an official date at the next meeting.

Next, the Board discuss with Council on Aging Director Cheryl Randall-Mach the opening of the Council on Aging building, with limited occupancy, when needed, to be able to hold limited events for seniors during inclement weather.

Motion: Selectman Morse makes a motion to allow the indoor opening of the Council on Aging when needed as long as all COVID 19 guidelines are being met, effective immediately. Selectman Hartley seconds this motion. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

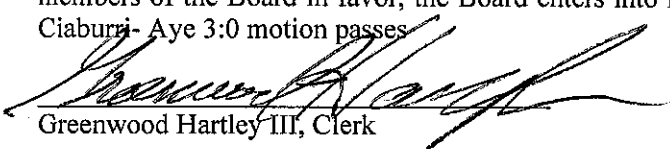
Then, Selectman Hartley asks if there is expected to be a change in polling location this year. Conversation ensues and there is discussion about securing a location for early voting, most likely at the Council on Aging.

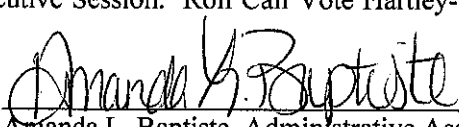
Meeting Notices:

Selectman Hartley mentions that he attended the SRPEDD meeting on July 22nd via Zoom.

Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Morse makes a motion to enter into Executive Session, and to return back into Open Session at the conclusion, to discuss the potential purchase of real property. This motion is seconded by Selectman Hartley. With all members of the Board in favor, the Board enters into Executive Session. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes


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