

Town of Rochester

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 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 Morse to approve the Open Session Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of December 7th, 2020 as presented. This motion is seconded by Selectman Hartley. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.

The Board agrees to table the Executive Session meeting minutes of December 7th, 2020 until the next meeting to revise some of its content.

People on the Agenda:

6:05- Continued Street Name Change Hearing- The Board received a request from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cullen to change the name of Duhamel Drive to Patty's Way. Selectman Ciaburri opens the continued public hearing on this request. The petitioner explains that he is looking to change the name of the street from his ex-wife's maiden name to his current wife's name. It is noted that there are no other houses on the street and that the required department heads have signed off on this request.

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to approve the street name change request as presented. This motion is seconded by Selectman Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously and the hearing is continued. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.

Selectmen's Signature:

Annual Animal Shelter Intermunicipal Agreement with Lakeville- Selectman Morse states that there are no changes with the agreement since last year.

Motion: Selectman Morse makes a motion to sign the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Lakeville for use of their animal shelter as presented. This motion is seconded by Selectman Hartley. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.

Correspondence:

Annie Maxim House Donations- The Board received donations from the Annie Maxim House in the amounts of: \$750 for ambulance services, \$250 for the Council on Aging, \$500 for the Highway Department, \$1,000 for the Police Department, and \$500 for the Fire Department.

Motion: Selectman Morse makes a motion to accept the donations from the Annie Maxim House and send a thank you letter in return. This motion is seconded by Selectman Hartley. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.

Town Administrator's Report/ COVID-19 Update:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by discussing with the Board the possibility of combining the Annual Town Meeting Warrant with the Election Warrant now that the Annual Town Election will take place after Town Meeting. The Election Warrant, if voted, would then be one article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and would reduce the amount of times the Registrars of Voters would need to meet.
- Next, Town Administrator Szyndlar gives an update regarding Old Colony accepting Freetown students. On Oct. 27th, Old Colony extended a formal invitation and terms to the Town of Freetown to join Old Colony. If accepted, it would require the unanimous vote of all Old Colony member towns at their Annual Town Meetings in the spring. Freetown explained to Old Colony that they would be exploring several options pertaining to Voc. Tech Education for Freetown students. On December 14th, Old Colony received notification that the Town of Freetown made a decision to join the Bristol Plymouth District. As a result, Old Colony will be unable to accept new Freetown students to Old Colony moving forward.
- After this, Town Administrator Szyndlar informs everyone that Delta Dental announced they are giving relief to their fully insured clients equal to 35% of their November premium adjusted invoice. This is the second time they have done this. The Town will get 50% and the rest is distributed to employees and retirees that have Delta Dental.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar gives an update on the Benson Brook Transfer Station. She states that last Friday, the town received transfer station stickers from Marion. All the information on the policy and how to purchase the stickers will be up on the website this week. Rochester has agreed to use the same transfer station policy as Marion's. It will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Days and times are subject to change by Marion. Cost will be \$70 for Rochester's residents and \$60 for seniors and veterans.

Old Business:

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

Town Counsel Blair Bailey informs everyone that the final approval vote on the 40R project is due to be in front of the Planning Board at their next meeting. Discussion then ensues around potential increases in water allowances should the project expand in the future.

Selectman Hartley mentions that he has received more information on the Winter Roads and Streets Grant through SRPEDD and would like to pursue it to erect a three seasons room for outdoor activities at the Council on Aging. He explains that he has met with the Board of Directors at the Council on Aging, Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel, and a company who constructs the three seasons rooms on this project, and would like the Board to vote to approve the grant application prior to the January 4th, 2021 deadline.

Motion: Selectman Morse makes a motion to support the grant application. This motion is seconded by Selectman Hartley. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.

Then, Selectman Hartley talks about the recent solar canopy presentation given at Rochester Memorial School to reduce energy costs, and feels that the same type of project would be beneficial to the Council on Aging. Both projects would need to go in front of the Planning Board for site plan approvals and to be covered by bonds, but Selectman Hartley suggests the Board sign the letter of intent prior to January 1st, 2021 to be able to move forward with the projects.

New Business:

Selectman Ciaburri takes a minute to thank the Fire Department and all involved with the Santa ride around Town and notes what a success the event was since the Town's Tree Lighting Celebration was unable to take place.

Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Town vendor contract negotiations and to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, and not to return back into open session at the conclusion. This motion is seconded by Selectman Morse. All members of the Board are in favor and the Board enters into Executive Session. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.


Greenwood Hartley III, Clerk


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