

Town of Rochester

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 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.

Town Administrator's Report/ COVID-19 Update:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by informing the everyone that the Town has completed a new phone system upgrade and to please listen to the menu options when calling in as some prompt numbers have changed.
- Next, Town Administrator Szyndlar gives an update on Cares Act funding – Use of funds have not been extended to December 31st, 2021.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar gives an update on the Transfer Station options- She notes that the Benson Brook Road facility in Marion will not be opening back up until January 15th or later due to updating of the facility. The Transfer Station on Route 28 has extended availability to residents, without having to use the Town of Wareham trash bags, until the Benson Brook Road facility is open.

New Business:

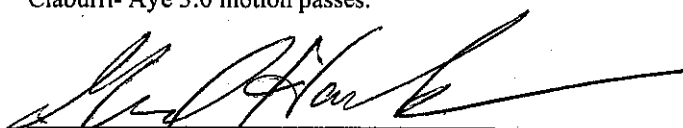
Winter Streets and Spaces Program Grant Application for Enclosed Three Season Room at the Council on Aging – Selectman Hartley discusses with the Board applying for the SRPEDD Winter Street and Spaces Grant to erect a three seasons room behind the Council on Aging building to provide a space for activities. Eric Arbeene, from SRPEDD, is in attendance to answer questions the Board may have. Selectman Hartley reviews details of the proposed project and expected timeline.

Motion: Selectman Morse makes a motion to approve the grant application request and allow Town Administrator Szyndlar to sign all documents related to the grant. 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.

Solect Energy Development: Letter of Intent for Solar Canopy at the COA- Selectman Hartley then discusses the possibility of adding a solar canopy at the Council on Aging and suggests the Board sign a letter of intent to allow Solect Energy to look into available options for the location. Selectman Morse and Ciaburri express concerns over the location being within the Historic District, as other solar projects have not been allowed and the impact it would have on the neighbors within the district. Conversation ensues. The Board agrees to not move forward with this project and Selectman Hartley notes that he will continue looking into potential grant opportunities for the Town.

Adjournment

Motion: Selectman Hartley makes a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Open Session meeting. This motion is seconded by Selectman Morse. With all members of the Board in favor, the meeting is adjourned. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.



Greenwood Hartley III, Clerk



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