

Town of Rochester
Select Board

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Town Administrator

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SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2021

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

Minutes:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Hartley to approve the Open Session Select Board meeting minutes of October 4th, 2021 as written. This motion is seconded by Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

People on the Agenda:

Tax Rate Classification Hearing- The Board of Assessors and Principal Assessor are in attendance to present the proposed tax rate and compare last year's figures to this year. The Board of Assessors recommend the Select Board vote to keep a single tax rate with a residential factor of one and a rate of \$13.37/thousand.

Motion: To keep a single tax rate with a residential factor of one and a rate of \$12.74 per thousand. This motion is made by Select Board Member Hartley, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote.

Simple Recycling Contract- The representative from Simple Recycling was unable to make the meeting so this matter is rescheduled to the next meeting.

Selectmen's Signature:

HIPPA Compliance Officer Appointment –

Motion: To appoint Town Treasurer Kory Lydon as the HIPPA Compliance Officer. This motion is made by Member Hartley, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote.

Police Chief Small- Police Sgt. Appointment Request– Chief Small is in attendance to request the Board vote to appoint Officer Allison Rego as Police Sergeant for the Town of Rochester.

Motion: To appoint Allison Rego as Police Sergeant. This motion is made by Member Hartley, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote.

ARPA Program Appointments – Member Hartley begins by making a motion to rescind the vote from the last meeting appointing Town Administrator Szyndlar as the authorized preparer and submitter of ARPA program grants. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Motion: To appoint Suzanne Szyndlar, the Town Administrator, as authorized person to approve, finalize, and submit on behalf of the Town any such ARPA Grant application and to make all representations and certifications required to be made on behalf of the Town to complete each such application, with such approval, representations, and certifications to be evidenced by the signature of the Town Administrator on such application; and if any such ARPA grant is awarded, the Town Administrator shall be the recipient of such grant on behalf of the Town. The Board also voted to have Accounting Clerk Katheen McHenry authorized to prepare and submit required ARPA Grant information. These two motions were made by Select Board Member Hartley, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by informing the Board that the Public Safety Feasibility Study Grant that had been applied for was not approved. Chief Weigel is now anticipating obtaining a hard quote and addressing this at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Town Administrator Szyndlar next notifies the Board that last week she had attended a meeting regarding the process of the Town's energy aggregation plan. The plans had been submitted on behalf of the Town to DPU last February and no word has been received back at this time. John O' Rouke, the Town's representative from Good Energy recommends the Town contact the State Representatives to help accelerate this process with DPU. The Board agrees to have a letter drafted on their behalf to send to Representative Straus and Senator Rodrigues.
- Next, Town Administrator Szyndlar lets the Board know that she recently attended Old Colony's first legislative breakfast meeting. Topics of the meeting included an update on Old Colony's Statement of Interest submission with the Mass School Building Authority for a new building project and ideas about their visions of the school's future.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar thanks the Highway, Police, and Fire Departments on their hard work and great job handling all aspects of the storm that hit Town last week.

Old Business:

All payroll and vendor warrants have been signed by Select Board Member Ciaburri since the last meeting.

New Business:

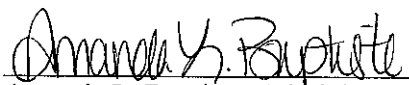
Solar Lease Agreement Discussion- Town Counsel Bailey mentions that he has been working with the attorneys that drafted the agreement to have some language changed and hopes to have the agreement ready for signing at the next meeting on November 15th.

Select Board Member Ciaburri takes a minute to commend Eversource on their hard work during the recent storm that hit Town, noting that they kept in constant communication with him and completed the work by the expected time.

Adjournment

Motion: Select Board Member Hartley makes a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing union and non-union personnel strategy and not to return back into Open Session at the conclusion. This motion is seconded by Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor and the Executive Session meeting is opened. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye, Ciaburri- Aye 3:0 motion passes.


Paul Ciaburri, Clerk


Amanda L. Baptiste, Administrative Assistant