

Town of Rochester

Select Board

Select Board

Bradford N. Morse, Board Chair
Greenwood Hartley II, Vice Chair
Paul Ciaburri, Clerk



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

SELECT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 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 December 6th, 2021 as written and hold the Executive minutes for discussion during Executive Session. This motion is seconded by Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the Open Session minutes are approved, and Executive Session minutes held with a unanimous vote.

People on the Agenda:

Council on Aging Board of Directors- Pauline Munroe and Mike Cambra, of the Council on Aging Board of Directors, are in attendance to discuss with the Board implementing a mask mandate in Town buildings; specifically, the Council on Aging. Member Ciaburri notes that he is against implementing a mandate, however, supports the requests of the Board of Directors for the Council on Aging building only. Select Board member Morse states that he would also support the request of the Board of Directors, though also for the Council on Aging building only; outside of that building he would like to continue to follow the Governor's guidelines. Resident Karen Thomas is present in opposition of the mask mandate. Conversation ensues.

Motion: To support the Council on Aging Board of Directors and implement a mask mandate for the Council on Aging building only. This motion is made by Select Board Member Hartley, seconded by Member Morse, and is approved with a unanimous vote.

Selectmen's Signature:

Agricultural Commission Appointment – The Board received a letter of interest from resident Travis Lally requesting to be appointed to the Agricultural Commission. Select Board Member Morse abstains from the vote.

Motion: To appoint Travis Lally to the Agricultural Commission as requested. This motion is made by Member Hartley, seconded by Member Ciaburri; Select Board Member Morse abstains from the vote. The motion passes with a 2:0:1 vote.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by proposing to the Board that they vote to set March 4th to close the Annual Town Meeting warrant, as well as set the deadline for article submissions for that same date.

Motion: Select Board Member Hartley makes a motion to close the Annual Town Meeting warrant and deadline for article submissions for March 4th, 2022. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

- Town Administrator Szyndlar next notifies the Board that budget season for FY '23 has begun and budget request are due by January 21st; January 17th for Capital requests.
- Next, Town Administrator Szyndlar lets the Board know that she recently submitted for the final CARES Act payment, bringing the total allotted for the Town to \$904,000. She thanks Assistant Town Accountant Kathy McHenry for all of her hard work processing these invoices.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar informs the Board that one of the normally scheduled Board meetings for January falls on a holiday so she asks the Board if they want to meet on Tuesday the 18th or Monday the 24th instead; the Board agree to hold the meeting on January 24th.

Old Business:

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

Select Board Member Morse lets everyone know that he had met with the Zero Waste facility, and happy to report that the Town was reimbursed past recycling costs.

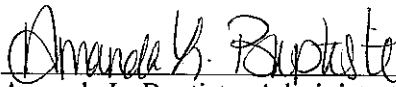
Select Board Member Hartley congratulates the Old Rochester Regional girls' volleyball team for winning the State Championship.

After this, Select Board Member Ciaburri informs everyone that the Town was recently awarded a \$2,700 Emergency Management Performance grant.

Adjournment

Motion: Select Board Member Hartley makes a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy session in relation to union and non-union personnel 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