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SELECT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

Select Board Chair Paul Ciaburri, Vice-Chair Bradford Morse, and Clerk Adam Murphy are Present. The Select Board's Open Meeting is opened by Chair Paul Ciaburri.

Minutes:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the Open Session Minutes from June 5, 2023. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

People on the Agenda:

Kory Lydon, Town Treasurer – Plymouth County Retirement Board – 5% COLA Option for retirees – Treasurer, Kory Lydon and Charles Armanetti a representative from the Plymouth County Retirement Board are present to talk about the 5% COLA option for retirees. Mr. Armanetti explains that the amount of \$120,000 would be paid back by the town over 5 years starting in Fiscal Year 2025.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the 5% COLA for the Plymouth County Retirees as presented. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Rhiannon Dugan – SRPEDD Planner to discuss Rochester Master Plan – SRPEDD Planner, Rhiannon Dugan is present to work with the Board on the Town's Master Plan. Ms. Dugan asks the Board about current and long-term projects that they are working on to help her better understand the Town's needs.

Nancy Durfee – SEMASS Donation for the Hydro Study – Town Planner, Nancy Durfee lets the Board know of a donation from SEMASS for the Hydro Study on Snipatuit Pond.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to award the \$10,000 SEMASS donation to the Planning Department to conduct the Hydro Study. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Select board Signature:

Annual SRPEDD Commission Member Appointment –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to appoint Adam Murphy as the SRPEDD Commission Member. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Request for Reappointment as Registrar of Voters: Halima Tiffany –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to reappoint Halima Tiffany to the Registrar of Voters, term to expire April 30, 2026. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Veterans Work-Off Abetment Policy- Town Administrator Cannon presents the Veterans Work-Off Policy to the Board. Mr. Cannon explains that this is similar to the Senior Work-Off Policy. All applications will go through the Veterans Office.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the Veterans Work-Off Policy. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Sandra Romero: Request for Appointment to the Agricultural Commission –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to appoint Sandra Romero to the Agricultural Commission. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Matthew Monteiro and Portia Silk – Class II License Request Objection – Select Board Member Morse requests to table this for another time as the Board does not have a Class II License application at this time.

Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge: Request for use of Town Land – Town Administrator Cannon is presenting the request to use 65 Pine Street on behalf of Mr. Eldridge. Mr. Cannon states that with the upcoming salt shed and possible transfer station Mr. Eldridge is requesting to move some of the operation from Ryder Road to Pine Street.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept Mr. Eldridge's request to use the Pine Street property. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Conservation Commission Chair Chris Gerrior: Notice of Member Resignation –

Motion: A Motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept Bill Clapp's resignation from the Conservation Commission. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Town Administrators Report:

- Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know there is an EMR for \$50,000 for the Snipatuit Pond Hydro Study.
- Mr. Cannon reminds the Board of the Block Party at the Council on Aging on June 22, 2023.
- Mr. Cannon tells the Board that he has recently attended a procurement class.

- Town Administrator Cannons states the Rochester Memorial School has asked for an extension on the solar project do to a supply chain issue.
- Town Administrator Cannon states that himself and Select Board Member Morse attended a Board of Health meeting about roosters and other animals in town. Mr. Cannon states that all complaints on these issues will go through the Animal Control Officer.

Old Business:

Payroll and/or Vendor Warrants - Select Board Member Ciaburri notes all payroll and vendor warrants have been signed since last meeting.

Farmers Winery Pour License Fee Schedule –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to set the Farmers Winery Pour License Fee at \$250 per year. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

List of Select Board Representatives –

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to assign 17-21 to Select Board Member Murphy. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Amendment to Access to Town Counsel Policy –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the amendment to Access to Town Counsel Policy as presented. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

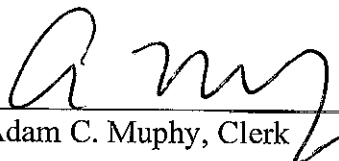
New Business:

Closing Town Hall on July 3, 2023 –

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to approve the closure of Town Hall Offices on July 3, 2023. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Adjournment:

Motion: Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor. Roll Call Vote Hartley – Aye, Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, 3:0 motion passes.


Adam C. Murphy, Clerk