

Town of Rochester

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SELECT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2022

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 Executive Session Select Board meeting minutes of December 6th, 2021, Open Session Select Board meeting minutes of December 20th, 2021 and Open Session Select Board minutes of December 29th, 2021 as written. This motion is seconded by Member Ciaburri. All present members of the Board are in favor, the minutes are approved with a unanimous vote.

Select Board Signatures:

Retirement Citation– The Board reviews the retirement citation for long time RMS employee Brian Ouellette and thanks him for his many years of service with the Town.

Motion: To sign retirement citation for Brian Ouellette as presented. This motion is made by Member Hartley, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

Change of Liquor License Pledge: Lloyd's Market- A pledge change was received for Costa's Family Market d/b/a Lloyd's Market for their Liquor Retail License. The Board acknowledges receipt; no vote required.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by informing the Board that contracts for the bargaining units at ORR School District will expire on June 30, 2022 for the paraprofessionals, secretaries and custodians and August 31, 2022 for the teachers. One Select Board member from the Tri-town represents all three Boards during these negotiations; Rochester was the last town to provide the representative.
- Town Administrator Szyndlar tells the Board that she just received official notification of the pending sale of New Bedford Waste Services, LLC to Waste Connections US Holding, Inc. She notes that as a condition of the sale, the Rochester Host Community Agreement will be assigned to Waste Connections US Holdings, Inc.
- Next, Town Administrator Szyndlar lets the Board know that ORCTV 2020's Financial Statements have been received. Also, ORCTV has supplied the Inventory of Equipment as per the addendum of their recently completed contract.
- After this, Town Administrator informs the Board that Town Planner Nancy Durfee has just offered to be the Town representative for the Assawampset Pond committee as she has a background in water resources. Select Board Member Paul Ciaburri is currently the representative but notes that Nancy's experience may be more helpful on behalf of the Town.

Motion: Select Board Member Hartley makes a motion to appoint Nancy Durfee as the Town's representative for the Assawampset Pond committee. This motion is seconded by Select Board member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

- Town Administrator Szyndlar then reports that the Department of Public Utilities has issued an order approving the municipal aggregation plans that were submitted in February of 2020, subject to compliance filings due by January 31, 2022. John O'Rourke, from Good Energy, said that he will be working with their attorney to collect the requested information and documentation to submit the compliance filings. Once the compliance filings are approved by the DPU, the towns can conduct a competitive bid at any time depending on the favorability of the energy market.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar lets everyone know that she received notice that a recent bill was signed into law that included a new multi-family zoning requirement for MBTA Communities. Rochester is considered an MBTA adjacent community due to the proximity of the Middleborough/Lakeville station. It requires each of the 175 MBTA communities to have a zoning district in which multifamily zoning is permitted as of right. This bill would require Rochester to have 750 total units based on the total housing stock of 2,105 units. Town Planner Nancy Durfee has contracted SRPEDD and is awaiting information from the Regional Planning agency as our liaison to the state.

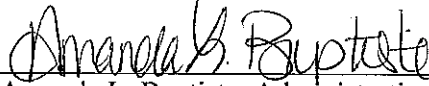
Old Business:

Payroll and Vendor Warrants- Select Board Member Ciaburri notes that all payroll and vendor warrants have been signed off on since the last meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Select Board Member Hartley makes a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-union personnel strategy and not to return back into Open Session at the conclusion. This motion is seconded by Member Morse. Both members of the Board are in favor and the Executive Session meeting is opened. Roll Call Vote Hartley- Aye, Morse - Aye 2:0 motion passes.


Paul Ciaburri, Clerk


Amanda L. Baptiste, Administrative Assistant