



## **Town of Rochester**

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#### **Select Board Members**

Paul Ciaburri, Chair  
Bradford N. Morse, Vice Chair  
Adam C. Murphy, Clerk

#### **Town Administrator**

Glenn D. Cannon  
**Executive Assistant**  
Amanda L. Baptiste

### **SELECT BOARD MEETING**

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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.

**Executive Session:** Rochester Memorial School Committee Chair, Sharon Hartley is present and requests to join the executive session as it is regarding the Rochester Memorial School. Select Board Member Ciaburri states that he would like to keep the executive session closed and Mrs. Hartley will be given a chance to express any concern about the topic during open session.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Murphy to enter into Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L.c.30A 21(a)(6) to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and the chair so declares to enter back into open meeting session. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor and the Executive Session meeting is opened. Roll Call Vote Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy - Aye 3:0 motion passes.

#### **Minutes:**

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the Open Session Minutes from September 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:**

**Jeffrey Costa regarding the Little Diverse Library** – Resident Jeffery Costa is present to discuss the letters he wrote to the Board regarding the Little Diverse Library located outside of the Joseph H Plumb Memorial Library. Select Board Member Ciaburri reads the letters that have been submitted to the Board publicly into the record.

**Sippican Rod and Gun Club: Request to have sign on Town Property** – Sippican Rod and Gun Club President, Andrew Daniel is present to request to have a political sign put on town property on Dexter Lane.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse not to allow the sign on Town property. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Personnel Board – Committee update** – Personnel Board Chair, Kristine Nash is present to give the Select Board an update on the Personnel Board's progress on job descriptions, personnel by-laws, distinguishing by-law employees, and the employee compensation plan. Ms. Nash requests to be on the agenda for the December 18, 2023 meeting to provide another update.

**Town Planner Nancy Durfee: Letter of Support for the MassWorks Amended Contract** – A letter regarding the amended contract for the route 28 project is presented from the Planning Department for the Board to sign in support.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Murphy to approve and sign the MassWorks amended contract letter. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Select Board Signature:**

**Council on Aging Generator Contract** – Facilities Manager, Andrew Daniel provides the Board with a draft contract from South Shore Generator to install a new generator at the Council on Aging.

Motion: A Motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to allow Town Administrator Cannon to sign the South Shore Generator contract on behalf of the Board. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Select Energy Development Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement for the Rochester Memorial School** – Select Board Member Murphy explains that that Board is looking at the contract in depth to make sure this project is in the best interest for the Town and that they will bring forth any questions or concerns they have at the next meeting.

Next, Rochester Memorial School Committee Chair, Sharon Hartley voices her concerns about meeting start times as well as the posting of minutes on the website. Select Board Member Ciaburri reassures her that these concerns will be addressed.

**Town Administrators Report:**

- Town Administrator Cannon lets everyone know that on Sunday, September 24, 2023 there is an Eversource recycling drive in partnership with Freetown, Lakeville, and Rochester at Apponequet Regional High School.
- Town Administrator Cannon then tells the Board that Old Colony had applied to the Massachusetts School Building authority, and has been approved, for reimbursement of the feasibility study program.
- Town Administrator Cannon also lets the Board know that Ann Soares from the Council on Aging has retired recently, the Board thanks her for her years of service to the Town.
- Town Administrator Cannon states that the Massachusetts Municipal Association will be hosting their annual meeting on January 19-20, 2024.

**Old Business:**

**Payroll and/or Vendor Warrant Approvals** – Select Board Member Ciaburri notes all payroll and vendor warrants have been signed since the last meeting.


Select Board Member Murphy asks Town Administrator Cannon for an update on the water agreement with the Town of Middleboro. Town Administrator Cannon states that it is currently being looked at by attorneys and will provide an update once available.

Select Board Member Murphy states he would like to have a Facebook page started as a way to get information to the residents.

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to activate a Select Board Facebook page to be used for informational purposes. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes 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 Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor. Roll Call Vote Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy - Aye 3:0 motion passes.

  
Adam C. Murphy, Clerk