

## **Town of Rochester**

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#### **Town Administrator**

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### **SELECT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

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 January 17, 2024 as written. 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:**

**Fire Chief Scott Weigel – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding request for radios –** Fire Chief Scott Weigel is present to request funding for radios for the fire department and the highway department. Chief Weigel states that he knows the funding will not cover all of the radios needed but if approved they will be able to delegate the proper funds to each department.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Murphy to authorize \$150,950 in the American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the purpose to purchase 15 mobile radios and 40 portable radios for the fire department. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

#### **Highway Department ARPA funding request for radios -**

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Murphy to authorize \$12,240 in American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the purpose of purchasing 8 mobile radios for the highway department. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Highway Department Repeater Relocation –** Fire Chief Scott Weigel is also looking to move a repeater to the High Street location through use of ARPA funds.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to authorize \$28,223 in American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the purpose of relocating the existing DPW repeater to the new tower on High Street. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Police Chief Robert Small – Appointment of Patrol Officer Andrew Mattos –** Lieutenant Kemmet is present on behalf of Chief Small to recommend the Board appoint Andrew Mattos as a Full-Time Patrol Officer.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to appoint Andrew Mattos as a full-time police officer to the Rochester Police Department, term to expire April 30, 2025. 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 Board Signature:**

**Event Notification Request: Annual Patriot Half Triathlon** – A request is made for road usage on June 15, 2024, for Annual Patriot Triathlon. All other required departments have already signed off approving the road usage.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to authorize the use of town roads for the Patriot Half Triathlon on June 15, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Event Notification Request: Annual Cranberry Tri-Fest** – A request is made for road usage on August 25, 2024, for Annual Cranberry Tri-Fest. All other required departments have also already signed off approving the road usage.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to authorize the use of town roads for the Cranberry Tri-Fest on August 25, 2024. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Chapter 61 Right of First Refusal Request: 0 Featherbed Lane Map 46 Lot 24** – Town Administrator Cannon recommends the Board not exercise the right of first refusal for this property; letters from both the Conservation Commission and Planning Board recommend the same.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to not exercise the town's right of first refusal for Chapter 61A properties located at 0 Featherbed Lane Map 46 Lot 24. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Recycled Product Procurement Policy** – Town Administrator Cannon explains this is a policy that is updated and revoked annually and required for specific grants that the Town receives.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the Recycled Product Procurement Policy. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Correspondence:**

**Annie Maxim House Resident Association: Donation** – Town Administrator Cannon states that a donation has been made by the Annie Maxim House Residents to be distributed between Fire, EMS, Police, and Highway departments.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the \$400 donation to be distributed to the Fire, EMS, Police and Highway departments. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Letter of Resignation from Conservation Commission: Drew McManus** – Conservation Commission Chair, Chris Gerrior is present and explains that Mr. McManus has other priorities that interfere with being able to be on the Conservation Commission at this time. The Board thanks him for his service to the Town.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the resignation of Drew McManus pending the letter of resignation. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Conservation Commission Chair Chris Gerrior: Mattapoissett Land Transfer** – Conservation Commission Chair, Chris Gerrior is present. Mr. Gerrior is requesting support from the Select Board as to how the Conservation Commission should go about the Mattapoissett Land Transfer. The Board suggests that a letter be written to the Mattapoissett Select Board from the Rochester Conservation Commission to discuss the matter.

**Town Administrators Report:**

- Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know he attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association conference in Boston and was well attended.
- Town Administrator Cannon then states that himself and Select Board Chair Ciaburri attended an Eversource debriefing meeting following the December 18<sup>th</sup> storm.
- Town Administrator Cannon then makes a formal statement regarding the Town's energy aggregation program. The program mistakenly opted residents who initially opted out of the program into it and the Town has been made aware; Good Energy is reversing this issue, and it should be resolved in the next billing cycle.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Cannon states that the next Select Board meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> due to the President's Day holiday on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

**Payroll and/or Vendor Warrant Approvals** - Select Board Member Ciaburri notes all payroll and vendor warrants have been signed.

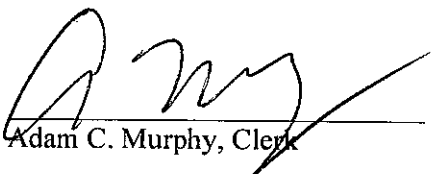
**New Business:**

Select Board Member Morse requests that the Board have an executive session to discuss the job objectives of the Town Administrator and to discuss possible contingency plan if the State does not give response to the Home Rule Petition for the Fire Chief.

Select Board Member Murphy lets Select Board Member Morse know that himself, Select Board Member Ciaburri and Town Administrator Cannon attended the Council on Aging Board Meeting and states that the Council on Aging is working with the Select Board and the Personnel Board regarding hourly employee policy and procedures.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with G.L.c.30A 21(a)(2) and G.L.c.30A 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, not to return back into Open Session at the conclusion. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. 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.

  
Adam C. Murphy, Clerk