



# **Town of Rochester**

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### **Town Administrator**

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## **SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Select Board Chair Paul Ciaburri, Select Board 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 March 18, 2024. 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.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to accept the Open Session Minutes from March 21, 2024. 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:**

**Old Colony R.V.T.H.S Appointing Authority (Old Colony Subcommittee and Town Moderator) – Shirley Bourque Reappointment** – Town Moderator David Arancio opens the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Appointing Authority meeting. It is then recommended to reappoint Shirley Bourque, there is no discussion or opposition.

**Motion:** A motion is then made by Select Board Member Morse to reappoint Shirley Bourque to the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Subcommittee as recommended. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Committee are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote – Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy – Aye, Fernandes – Aye, Hartley – Aye, Duggan – Aye, Rounseville – Aye.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to adjourn the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Appointing Authority meeting. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Committee are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**John Walcek, Interim Police Chief Appointment** – The Board table this discussion.

**Fire Chief Scott Weigel, Fire Department Salaries** – Fire Chief Scott Weigel is present to present the Board with a proposed FY '25 salary range for Fire Department members; this proposed range would increase these employees by approximately 2.5% and would still enable them to receive COLA, which will tentatively be an additional 2.5%.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to set the Fiscal Year '25 Fire Department salaries as presented. 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:**

**Annual Flammable Fluid License Renewals** – The 2024 annual Flammable Fluid License renewal list is reviewed by the Board; Select Board Member Murphy abstains from the discussion and the vote.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to sign the Annual Flammable Fluid Licenses as presented. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Ciaburri. The motion passes with a majority 2:1 vote.

**Arbor Day Proclamation** – Select Board Chair Ciaburri reads the Arbor Day proclamation which recommends that the Town acknowledge Arbor Day as April 26 this year.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Morse to recommend the Chair sign the Arbor Day Proclamation as written and acknowledge April 26<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day in the Town of Rochester. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Employee Retirement Citation: Karen Walega** – The Board thanks Board of Health Agent Karen Walega for her many years of service to the Town and wish her the best in her retirement.

**Motion:** A Motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to sign the citation as presented. 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 Support Waterline Extension Wareham –**

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to sign the Letter of Support for the Waterline Funding as requested by the Wareham Fire District. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Town Administrators Report:**

- Town Administrator Cannon informs everyone that the Select Board, with the help of Veteran's Council member Dave Watling, held a rededication ceremony of the Vietnam War Veterans plaque at the Town Hall. It is noted that there was a successful turnout and commends the students and staff of Old Colony R.V.T.H.S who worked on this project.
- Then, Town Administrator Cannon states that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

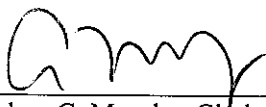
**Old Business:**

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

Select Board Member Murphy updates residents that all up to date Select Board meeting minutes have been signed and posted to the website.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Select Board Member Morse makes a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with G.L.c.30A 21(a)(3) and G.L.c.30A 21(a)(6) 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