



## **Town of Rochester**

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Paul Ciaburri, Chair  
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Adam C. Murphy, Clerk

#### **Town Administrator**

Glenn D. Cannon  
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Amanda L. Baptiste

### **SELECT BOARD MEETING**

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 April 1, 2024, and April 4, 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:**

**Buzzards Bay Coalition: Request to Amend Sperry Property Conservation Restriction** – Alan Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition is present to request that the Board amend the current conservation restriction for the Sperry Property on Marion Road to include an additional 2.38 acres to the protected area.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to amend the Sperry property conservation restriction by adding the approximately 2.38 acres as identified Map 6 Lot 37D to the existing conservation restriction held by the Rochester Land Trust and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote - Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy - Aye 3:0 motion passes.

#### **Select Board Signature:**

**Senior Tax Workoff Abatement Policy** – Council on Aging director Eric Poulin is in attendance to discuss with the Board the possibility of updating the current Senior Workoff program to increase the minimum household income limits as well as the total amount received through the program.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to approve the Senior Workoff Abatement program policy as presented dated April 16, 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. Roll Call Vote Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy - Aye 3:0 motion passes.

#### **Annual Board/Committee Reappointments –**

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to approve the Board, Committee appointments, and Police Department appointments as presented April 16, 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. Roll Call Vote Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy - Aye 3:0 motion passes.

Town Administrator Cannon states that the Zoning Board of Appeals, Soil Board, Cultural Council, Historic Commission and Historic District Commission all have openings and encourages residents to volunteer for these boards/committees.

**SRPEDD Select Board Representative Reappointment –**

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to appoint Paul Ciaburri as the SRPEDD representative. 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 Request: Annual Frosty Runners Road Race –** The Annual Frosty Runners Road Race is requesting use of Town Roads on January 25, 2025; Police, Fire, and Highway have already signed off in support of the event.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to approve the Frosty Runners Road Race on the roadways around Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School on January 25, 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.

**Event Request: Old Rochester Youth Baseball Parade –** The Old Rochester Youth Baseball is requesting use of Town Roads on January 25, 2025; Police, Fire, and Highway have already signed off in support of the event.

**Motion:** A Motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to approve the Old Rochester Youth Baseball event going from Dexter Lane Park to Gifford Park on May 4, 2024, from approximate 9:00 – 9:30 am. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote.

**Salt Shed Contract –** Town Administrator Cannon presents the Salt Shed Contract to the Board and notes that this contract is just for the shed itself, the Town will go out for bid for the labor to build it separately.

**Motion:** A motion is made by Select Board Member Morse to sign the purchase agreement for the salt shed as written. The motion is seconded by Select Board Member Murphy. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote Ciaburri – Aye, Morse – Aye, Murphy – Aye 3:0 motion passes.

**Correspondence:**

**SEMASS PILOT Payment: March 2024 –** Select Board Member Ciaburri states the SEMASS PILOT payment for March 2024 was received in the amount of \$371,184.

**Town Administrators Report:**

- Town Administrator Cannon states that SRPEDD is looking for “at large” members from the community and urges anyone interested to reach out to SRPEDD directly.
- Next, Town Administrator Cannon lets the Board know that the Town, as abutters to the project, received notice of a large-scale warehouse project being installed in Middleboro near the town lines.
- Lastly, Town Administrator Cannon advises the Board that the next meeting will be on Monday, April 22, 2024, to review the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Old Business:**

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

**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)(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