

Town of Rochester

Select Board

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Paul Ciaburri, Clerk



Town Administrator

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SELECT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2022

Vice-Chair Greenwood Hartley III and Clerk Paul Ciaburri are present, with Select Board Chair Bradford Morse attending remote via Zoom.

The Select Board's Open Meeting is opened by acting Chair Hartley.

The Board postpones the scheduled Executive Session to a future meeting.

Minutes:

Motion: A motion is made by Select Board Member Ciaburri to approve the Executive Session Select Board meeting minutes of February 7th, 2022, Open Session Select Board meeting minutes of February 17th, 2022 and Open Session Select Board minutes of February 22nd, 2022 with the changes that Select Board Member Hartley mentions; which will be made and sent back out to the Board. This motion is seconded by Member Hartley. Select Board Member Morse did not participate in the vote due to technical issues; the motion passes with a 2:0 vote.

People on the Agenda:

Buzzard's Bay Coalition: Conservation Restrictions (2)- Alan Decker, from the Buzzard's Bay Coalition, is in attendance to request the Board sign two conservation restrictions for the Doggett Brook Farm property, located on Marion Road. The restriction limits the land use to farming only, should they wish to, and no future development of the property is allowed. He notes that he has already met with the Conservation Commission regarding the restrictions and they have voted to support them.

Motion: Select Board Member Ciaburri makes a motion to approve the Conservation Restriction #31 as presented to the Board. This motion is seconded by Member Hartley. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye

Motion: Select Board Member Ciaburri makes a motion to then approve the Conservation Restriction #32 as presented to the Board. This motion is seconded by Member Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye

Select Board Signatures:

Town Administrator Contract Addendum– Due to the anticipation of incoming Town Administrator Glenn Cannon now starting on March 28th, the Board discusses amending the current Town Administrator contract to have Town Administrator Szyndlar step into the roll as Assistant Town Administrator until the duration of her contract ending on June 30th, 2022.

Motion: To amend the current Town Administrator contract to have Suzanne Szyndlar as Assistant Town Administrator until June 30th, 2022. This motion is made by Member Morse, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye

Town Administrator Contract Signing– The Board reviews the contract for incoming Town Administrator Glenn Cannon.

Motion: To sign the Town Administrator contract with Glenn Cannon as presented. This motion is made by Member Morse, seconded by Member Ciaburri, and approved with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye

Incoming Town Administrator Cannon takes a moment to thank the Board and Town Administrator Szyndlar for helping through this transition.

Correspondence:

Xfinity: Annual Resolved Complaint Notice- The annual resolved complaint notice from Xfinity has been received and it's noted that there were only two complaint tickets created this past year from Rochester residents.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town Administrator Szyndlar begins her report by informing the Board that she recently received an update from Good Energy on the Town's energy aggregation plan; she notes that a representative from Good Energy will be attending an upcoming meeting to talk to the Board about the launch process. Before this can happen, the Board will need to vote to designate a bid-day representative, and a backup, that will be authorized to execute a contract for supply of electricity on bid day.

Motion: Select Board Member Ciaburri makes a motion have Member Hartley act as the Board's bid-day representative authorizing him to sign the contract once ready, with incoming Town Administrator Glenn Cannon as the secondary representative. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote: Morse - Aye

- Town Administrator Szyndlar tells the Board that she just received a notice from Simple Recycling that they are changing their pickup schedule of the pink bags; pickups will now take place with appointments made with Simple Recycling directly. Ms. Szyndlar states that she would like to see this change phase over at least 30 days to be able to get the information out to residents, the Board agree on a May 1st start date of the changes.

Motion: Select Board Member Ciaburri makes a motion to amend the current contract with Simple Recycling to reflect the pickup changes effective May 1st, 2022. This motion is seconded by Select Board Member Morse. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye.

- Lastly, Town Administrator Szyndlar lets everyone know that she received notice that Chapter 90 funds for the Town will be \$308,861; up \$778 from last year. She also explains to the Board that the snow and ice account is the only account the Town is able to overspend throughout the year and request the Board approve the ability to overspend that account in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 § 31D.

Motion: Select Board Member Ciaburri makes a motion, seconded by Member Morse, to approve the overspending of the snow and ice budget, if needed, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 § 31D. All members of the Board are in favor, the motion passes with a unanimous vote. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye.

Meeting Notices:

Select Board Member Ciaburri states that he has a Plymouth County Advisory Board Meeting coming up, where he hopes to receive an update on the arbor funds.

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.

Next, Select Board Member Hartley mentions that he reviewed the contract with the ROCCC (Regional Old Colony Communications Center) and questions why this new contract is only scheduled to be for two years while the expiring contract was for five. Town Administrator Szyndlar explains that they will be turning into an enterprise account and can only responsibly look out for two years at this time, which Town Counsel Bailey concurs. She tells them that representatives from the ROCCC will be attending an upcoming meeting prior to the contract signing where questions can be asked.

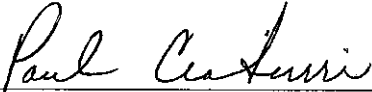
After this, Select Board Member Hartley discusses two personnel by-law change articles for Town Meeting, drafted by Town Counsel Bailey; one for the Select Board to act in place of the Personnel Board when there isn't an acting board, and the other relating to changes with longevity.

New Business:

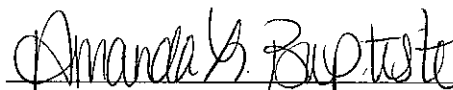
Select Board Member Morse requests to have a Tri-Town Select Board meeting scheduled soon to discuss the ORR capital expenditures. Select Board Member Hartley suggests starting with the schools and having Town Administrator Szyndlar coordinate a meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Select Board Member Ciaburri makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion is seconded by Member Morse. All members of the Board are in favor and the meeting is adjourned. Roll Call Vote: Morse – Aye.



Paul Ciaburri, Clerk



Amanda L. Baptiste, Administrative Assistant