

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

July 30, 2020

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, and Commissioner Sandra Wright. Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley remotely participated per amended open meeting law requirements. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Attorney Shannon Resnick and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke

**Vote Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2020**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 16, 2020.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

**Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:**

Caroline Dundas–temporary full-time hire 12-1; Carlota Ramos Veiga–anniversary step increase 2-8.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status form for Carlota Ramos Veiga. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright requested the CPS form for Caroline Dundas be tabled for discussion during the agenda item of the Parking Department Feasibility Analysis.

**Vote to accept and approve payroll voucher**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve payroll voucher as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

**Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

**Vote County Tax Assessment and warrants**

In accordance with Chapter 35, Section 31 of M.G.L., Commissioner Wright made a motion that the Commissioners authorize and establish the annual County Tax to Plymouth County communities as detailed on the vote. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

The Commissioners signed each of the assessments for the Plymouth County member towns and the City of Brockton.

### **CARES Act: update and distribution votes**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize Administrator Basler to submit CARES Act reimbursement applications through the end of the grant program. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$80,653.31 to the Town of Hull. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$24,777.44 to the Town of Lakeville. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$61,302.11 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$6,148.81 to the Town of Plympton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$55,130.96 to the Town of Mattapoisett. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$130,099.24 to the Town of Mattapoisett. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$33,487.71 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$155,524.44 to the Town of Duxbury. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call–Chairman Pallotta–Yes, Commissioner Wright–Yes, Commissioner Hanley–Yes

### **Parking Department Feasibility Analysis**

After some discussion concerning the future of the Parking Department and hearing an update from the Treasurer on new hardware and software currently being installed, the board agreed to

re-visit issues and concerns regarding service and revenues in October/November. The hardware, software and hand-held units have been delayed due to COVID-19.

The board further discussed the hiring of Caroline Dundas as a temporary full-time employee in the Parking Department and any concerns with SEIU. Commissioner Hanley has recently spoken to Joan Pritchard, SEIU Representative and she is developing an MOA to present to Administrator Basler. Treasurer O'Brien confirmed for the board this position is a temporary position without any supervisory responsibilities. The decision on hiring a permanent full-time employee with supervisory duties will be done in December.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status form for Caroline Dundas as an emergency temporary 90-day employee for the Parking Department. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Abstain due to the pending MOA with SEIU.

### **Byrne Grant**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize Chairman Pallotta to sign the Byrne Grant FY20 Certification and Assurances for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes

### **Register's Report**

Register Buckley expressed his concern regarding recent State level proposals to changes in excise tax fees and the effect that will have on the Registry of Deeds.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer O'Brien discussed future federal legislation proposals to have additional funds available similar to the CARES Act. Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to apply for any additional federal funds that may become available for the members of Plymouth County. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Roll Call-Chairman Pallotta-Yes, Commissioner Wright-Yes, Commissioner Hanley-Yes

### **Extension Director's Report**

As Extension Director Molly Lipper was running late to the meeting, Commissioner Hanley briefed the Board on the recent delivery of the greenhouse at the County Farm and next steps for the assembly.

### **Maintenance Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Doug Wedge briefed the Board on the status of the Wareham courthouse cooling tower and recent maintenance needed.

### **Executive Session**

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3: to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the

bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares re: CBA strategy discussion-SEIU.

The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 9:25 a.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

At 9:47 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

**Documents and/or exhibits**

- Meeting Minutes-July 16, 2020
- Executive Meeting Minutes-March 5, 2020 and July 16, 2020
- Article-Sippican Week Today-Rochester Town Administrator/County Covid aid

Respectfully submitted,  
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Executive Assistant