

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

October 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:30 A.M. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Assistant Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, 4-H Educator Valerie Schell, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, County Administrator Frank Basler and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Presentation- Edward Byrne Memorial Federal Grant

Chairman Pallotta, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Hanley presented Byrne Grant checks to Ken Tavares, Town of Plymouth Board of Selectmen Chair, Chief Michael Botieri, Town of Plymouth Police Department, and Chief John Walcek, Wareham Police Department. The Town of Plymouth Police Department have used the grant funds for a new horse transportation trailer and radar guns. Wareham has used the funds for additional police presence in their neighborhoods.

Meeting Minutes –September 19, 2019 and October 3, 2019

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019 and October 3, 2019. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS forms:

There were no CPS forms presented.

Vote-Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Update & Vote-County Farm Mediation Agreement and County Farm Lease

Administrator Basler reported the lease agreement was not currently ready for the Commissioners signatures. Attorney Resnick feels it should be available for the next meeting.

County Farm utilization for public events

Administrator Basler reported the Plymouth 400 Organization will likely not be holding an event at the farm due to the traffic construction on Obery Street which is planned to go into 2021.

Massachusetts Paid Family Medical Leave Act

Administrator Basler presented a draft letter for the Commissioners signatures to send to the legislative delegation opposing bills H.1681 and S. 1045. The bills eliminate the County and local municipalities exception to the Massachusetts Paid Family and Medical Leave Law. The new Paid Family and Medical Leave law states municipalities are not subject to any of the law's requirements unless they adopt the law's provision by a vote of their legislative body. Commissioner Hanley stated he was not in favor of sending the letter on the advice of Local 6, OPEIU. No further action required on the letters.

Register's Report

Register Buckley reports deeds excise figures are on target for the month of October.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien reports the PCOT fund is currently over \$22 million and the Town of Kingston and City of Brockton are both moving forward with funding. The auditing firm of Melanson Heath will be conducting the FY 2019 Plymouth County audit field work on October 23rd to the 25th. The GASB 74 & 75 report will be available soon.

Extension Director's Report

4-H Director Molly Lipper invited the Commissioners to the Annual 4-H Awards and Recognition Dinner to be held Friday, November 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Abington.

Maintenance Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Doug Wedge reports the recent work at the Hingham District Courthouse of new carpeting and painting is complete and a request for new carpeting in the D. A's office will be completed next Spring.

Chairman Pallotta requested no major spending at the Brockton Superior Courthouse until the feasibility study is complete by the State.

Advisory Board Meeting Date

Administrator Basler confirmed the date of December 5, 2019 for the next Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting.

Administrator's Report

Document request-Plymouth Colony Records

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize scanning of probate and will documents from 1644 for Stephen Hopkins under the guidance of Tammy Correa in the County Commissioner's Office and Plymouth County Register of Deeds John Buckley for Sarah Rois, Producer/Researcher, Los Angeles, CA. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Appreciation letter and Appropriation letter for tick program funding

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the signing of a letter from the County Commissioners to State Representative Kathy LaNatra and State Representative Josh Cutler expressing thanks for their support in securing the funding from the state.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the request letter for the appropriation of \$20,000 for tick funding from the State. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Next Meeting will be a Thursday, October 31, 2019 in Brockton, MA

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; County Farm, the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body.

Administrator Basler requested discussion of a recent grievance meeting with OPEIU. The Chair did not reasonably expect this agenda item would be discussed, therefore, it was not on the posted agenda.

The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 9:15 A.M. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes-September 19, 2019 and October 3, 2019
- Memorandum of Settlement-Plymouth County Farm
- Invitation-4-H Awards and Recognition Night
- Notice-Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act-Dari Farms Distribution Center, Whitman, MA
- Document request-Sarah Rois, Assoc. Producer, Documentary on Stephen Hopkins

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant