

# PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

GREAT HALL, 26 COURT STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA  
HYBRID REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM, PLYMOUTH, MA – 4:00 PM

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## 4:00PM - CALL TO ORDER

Richard Quintal, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In accordance with S2475, and pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means and in-person. Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: tune into PACTv government cable access channels Comcast Channel 15 or Verizon Channel 47 and watch the meeting as it is aired live, or watch the meeting live the PACTv website at <https://pactv.org>. Members of the public who wish to PARTICIPATE in the meeting may do so in the following manner:

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Present: Richard Quintal, Chairman  
Betty Cavacco, Vice Chairman  
Patrick Flaherty  
Harry Helm  
Charlie Bletzer  
  
Derek Brindisi, Town Manager

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## 4:00PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Select Board will hold an Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining, negotiation, and the chair so declares. Following Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in open session.

- ❖ Hedges Pond Road Intersection
- ❖ 46 Sandwich Road
- ❖ Holtec

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## 5:00PM – BACK TO OPEN SESSION

Chairman Quintal called the meeting back to order and said the Board was in Executive Session. He then asked everyone to join them in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the Town Manager to begin the Change of Fire Command Ceremony.

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## 5:00PM – CHANGE OF FIRE COMMAND CEREMONY

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager, came up and thanked everyone for coming to today's ceremony. He said we are here tonight to honor our outgoing Fire Chief, our New Fire Chief, and our New Deputy Fire Chief. He then introduced Reverend Gary Bloom to start of the ceremony with a prayer. He then recognized our elected officials that were here today as Senator Susan Moran, Representative Kathy LaNatra, and Representative Mathew Muratore. He also wanted to recognize our local Select Board with Chairman Richard Quintal, Vice Chairman Betty Cavacco, Selectman Patrick Flaherty, Selectman Harry Helm, and Selectman Charlie Bletzer. He then said that soon-to-be Fire Chief Neil Foley and his wife, Sarah Jean are here tonight, and Chief Foley started with the Plymouth Fire Department in 2006 and was promoted throughout the years. He said he was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in 2019. He said Chief Foley also served in the Massachusetts Army National Guard and was an advisor to the Company Commander. He said he specialized in training in aviation in nuclear biological chemical threats before being honorably discharged in 2001. He said he hold numerous certifications including incident command, marine operations, maritime firefighting, public safety rescue diving, fire investigation, fire officer training, and labor relations. He said needless to say, Chief Foley is ready to take this new position. He then said next we have soon-to-be Deputy Fire Chief Jerome Hart who is here with his wife Patricia and their two children, Shawn, and Margaret. He said Deputy Chief Hart joined the Plymouth Fire Department in 1996 and he rose through the ranks. He said Deputy Chief Hart is a certified EMT, is a fire instructor one and two, is a fire officer one, two, three, and four, is a chief fire officer, a safety officer, and a HAZMAT Operations certified officer. He said this speaks to his credentials and his ability to take on this new role. He said then, we have Chief Bradley who has been with this Fire Department for 47 years. He said he had the opportunity to celebrate his 47<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend and as he was driving to work this morning, he was thinking he is 47 and this Chief has served this community for 47 years and thought how amazing that was. He then said that for 14 of those 47 years he served as Fire Chief. He said when Chief Bradley first took the helm of the department, he wanted to replace an aging, unreliable fleet of firetrucks that were often in the repair shop. He said over the past 14 years Chief Bradley has replaced 7 pumping engines, 1 heavy rescue, 1 ladder, 1 tanker, 1 all-terrain pumping engine, and a 33-foot marine firefighting platform. He said the fleet replacement policy he created has provided a clear direction for the future and has increased the public safety as a result. He said in July of 2020 Chief Bradley, along with our Select Board, opened the departments newest three-bay North Plymouth Fire Station which he replaced. He said this new state-of-the-art facility focuses on safety and preventative care for all of our firefighters. He said he was also able to recently help us move forward and secure funds renovations in both Station 2 and Station 5 which needed repair. He said clearly you can see that Chief Bradley has done a lot for Plymouth over the years and he is sure that these families can attest to the long nights that they are away from home. He said we thank them for their work but more importantly we thank their families for giving us these many, many years of service because if it wasn't for the families, they wouldn't be able to do their jobs. He then said he would like to turn it over to our State Delegation and allow them each to say a few words that they would like to share as well.

Senator Susan Moran came up and said it is an absolute joy to be here. She said she was lucky enough to come early and get a tour of a couple of Fire Stations and said it is amazing to see how well Plymouth is taking care of and it's great to have the legacy of these first responders and their families who put community first. She said every brother and every sister is key to their success and safety going forward.

Senator Moran then said giving that this is the passing of the torch it is so fitting to be hooding this ceremony. She then said it is her honor to read the Massachusetts General Court Resolution Congratulating Fire Chief Edward Bradley on his retirement from the Plymouth Fire Department. She then read the Resolution into the records as follows: Whereas Edward Bradley, Fire Chief for the Plymouth Fire Department, will retire on April 12, 2022, and whereas Fire Chief Bradley began his career at Station 5 Manomet on October 13, 1974 and became a full-time firefighter on January 2, 1977 and rose through the ranks to become Lieutenant in November of 2000, and whereas Fire Chief Bradley's leadership skills led to him being promoted to Captain in 2003, promoted to Battalion Chief in 2006, and appointed as Fire Chief in December of 2007, and whereas Fire Chief Bradley strengthened the Plymouth Fire Department by updating policies, equipment, stations, and the Emergency Operations Center while also hiring 92 firefighters and promoting 34 Lieutenants, 22 Captains, 12 Battalion Chiefs, and 5 Deputy Chiefs during his tenure, and whereas Fire Chief Bradley has dedicated over 47 years of exemplary service to protect the safety of the Town of Plymouth and it's residents exemplifying the power of human compassion and selflessness to protect citizens while forming a professional team of first responders, therefore, be it resolved that the Members of the Massachusetts General Court hereby congratulate Fire Chief Edward Bradley on his retirement and extend to him their appreciation, and be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to Fire Chief Edward Bradley. She said it is signed by the Speaker of the House, Ron Mariano, the Clerk, Stephen James, the President of the Senate, Karen Spilka, the Clerk of the Senate, Michael Hurley, and the Delegation you have standing proudly before you, Representative Mathew Muratore, Senator Susan Moran, Representative Kathy LaNatra, and Representative Stephen Xiarhos. She then thanked Chief Bradley personally and presented the Resolution.

Selectman Charlie Bletzer came up next and wished Chief Bradley a Happy Birthday. He then said he would like to thank his fellow Select Board members for giving him the honor of speaking today about his good friend, Chief Bradley. He said he and Ed Bradley go back almost 50 years to their days on White Horse Beach. He said Chief Bradley always had a strong work ethic working two jobs a lot of the time, but his first love was always the Fire Department. He said he became a paid, on-call firefighter assigned to the Manomet Fire Station on October 13, 1974, which is 47 ½ years to the day today. He said he can still remember hearing the fire sirens going off and seeing Chief Bradley jumping in his truck and racing down Route 3A to man the Manomet Fire Station. He said Chief Bradley moved up the ladder pretty quickly during his career. He said his accomplishments as Chief were many and most notable was in 2010 when he obtained funding through the Entergy and Town Meeting to open the Emergency Operations Center in the Cedarville Fire Station. He said before that they were operating in the basement of Obery Street in a small space in a building that was taken back for County use. He said Chief Bradley was also instrumental in obtaining funding to upgrade many of our Fire Stations. He said lastly, Chief Bradley increased the staffing of our Fire Department from 123 staff members to 139 staff members to ensure that we can properly service and protect the increased population of Plymouth. He said Chief Bradley's greatest achievement is his family. He said Chief Bradley and his wife have two sons and eight beautiful grandchildren. He said Chief Bradley is a great husband, a great father, and a great grandfather. He said his family is very important to him and with eight grandchildren he will be very busy in his retirement. Selectman Bletzer then said he wishes Chief Ed Bradley well as he ends his call and begin your retirement. He said he has served our community tirelessly and without regret and left the department in great shape for the future and he knows that Chief Neil Foley will continue in his footsteps to do the same. He

thanked him on behalf of the Select Board and the residents of Plymouth for his service. He then thanked him personally for being his life-long friend.

Chief Ed Bradley came up and thanked everyone for being here tonight and for all of the kind words. He said it is the men and women of the Plymouth Fire Department that make him look good every day. He said they do a great job and there is a saying, if you find a job that you love then you'll never work a day in your life. He said it is true, he wasn't just going to work because it was something he loved to do. He then thanked everyone once again.

Derek Brindisi came back up and talked about the Change of Command. He said the Change of Command is a tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility for a department from one Commanding Officer to another. The passing of colors or standards from an outgoing Commander to an incoming Commander ensures that the department is never without official leadership. It is a continuation of trust and one that signifies allegiance of the men and women to their Commander. This is great symbolism and is attached to the ceremonial aspects of a Command Change. He then invited all three of these gentlemen to come forward with their wives so that we can all witness the Change of Command. The wives then pinned their husbands, and the Change of Command was complete. Larry Pizer, Town Clerk, then came up and swore in the new Fire Chief and the New Deputy Fire Chief.

Chief Neil Foley then came up next and thanked everyone for being here tonight. He thanked the Select Board for allowing the time tonight to perform this Change of Command Ceremony. He said this is important because this really involves much more than the individual, it involves the family. He said he is so happy that his family was able to be here today to witness this event because he said he is going to need their support. He then thanked his friends and family, brother and sister firefighters, fellow town employees, and the community for their support and encouragement. He said he has been given a great honor and the torch has been passed by Chief Bradley who set this department in motion. He said we are in excellent shape for the future, and we will continue to make our improvements and build our Fire Stations back to where they should be and provide the level of service that this town has always known. He said we will continue to be there for you and answer your calls. He thanked everyone for being here and said he looks forward to working with you all.

Derek Brindisi thanked everyone for coming and making this a special and historic event. He then invited Reverend Gary Bloom up to the podium for one last closing prayer.

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**6:00PM – PROCLAMATION – Education and Sharing Day**

Chairman Quintal then asked Vice Chairman Cavacco to read a Proclamation for Education and Sharing Day which went as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Plymouth Board of Selectmen takes pleasure in recognizing

**EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY, USA**

**WHEREAS** a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our state, our country, and our society at large; and in the town of Plymouth, we strive for the betterment of all of our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and

**WHEREAS** through providing the possibility of an excellent education for all, especially children, with which to gain knowledge through rigorous study, we can create hope for a brighter, kinder, and more united and prosperous future in the lives of so many; and

**WHEREAS** the educational system must also focus on building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Laws; and

**WHEREAS** one of the leading global advocates for the advancement of education, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed the importance of moral and ethical education as the bedrock of humanity and the hallmark of a healthy society, and strongly urged that education be reinforced by the inculcation of strong moral values; and

**WHEREAS** in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

**WHEREAS** April 12, 2022, will mark 120 years since the Rebbe's birth, and the date will be celebrated across these United States and around the globe in tribute to the Rebbe's vision, guidance, and leadership; and

**WHEREAS** for more than forty years the President of the United States has recognized and honored the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education & Sharing Day USA"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard Quintal, Chairman of the Plymouth Select Board, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to be: EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY, PLYMOUTH in the Town of Plymouth and call upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those within your communities and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Plymouth to be affixed at the Plymouth Town Hall this twelfth day of April in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

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**6:05PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Artisan Pig**

Chairman Quintal read the Public Hearing Notice into the records as follows:  
In accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held remotely or in-person at the Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00pm to consider the application for an Alteration of Premises and a Change of License Category from a Wine and Malt to an All Alcohol Restaurant License from the Artisan Pig LLC d/b/a The Artisan Pig, holder of a Wine and Malt Restaurant License, 66 Court Street, Andrew Rivera-Myers as Manager. Description of Premises will be as follows: One floor with a single room, 2,700 square foot dining room, bar, two entrances, two exits. Applicant seeks to add outdoor seating on the sidewalk against the building and in cordoned off parking spaces in front of the building and use of sidewalk to travel from the restaurant to the parking spaces per the license agreement with the Town of Plymouth.

Andrew Rivera-Meyers came on and said they are seeking to change to a full liquor license because of requests from our customers. He said after an insane number of requests we decided to look at our model and try to make that change. He said he appreciates the Board consideration with the request, and he thanked the Board in advance for letting him speak.

Selectman Bletzer came on and said he would like to comment on what a great job they are doing with that business. He said they are always busy, and people love it and it's great to see their success and that they are helping the downtown area thrive. He said he is in favor of this request completely and wishes them well.

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve an Alteration of Premises and Change of License Category for Artisan Pig LLC d/b/a Artisan Pig. *Voted 4/1 Cavacco-Yes, Flaherty-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Quintal-Abstain*

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**6:09PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Food Court**

Chairman Quintal read the Public Hearing Notice into the records as follows:  
In accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held remotely or in-person at the Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:05pm to consider the application for an Alteration of Premises from JSR Corporation d/b/a The Food Court, holder of an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License, 39 Court Street, John Ricardo, Manager. Description of Premises will be as follows: First floor has 984 square feet and three rooms, floor two has 920 square feet and two rooms. One entrance and three exits. Applicant seeks to add outdoor seating in cordoned off parking spaces in front of the building and use of the sidewalk to travel from the restaurant to the parking spaces per the license agreement from the Town.

Chris Badot said that the petitioner, John Ricardo, could not be here tonight as he is the only chef at their restaurant, to which Selectman Bletzer said this is another new business that has been doing a great job. He said they have been very busy, and this new space will be great for them and the downtown area as well. He said he also supports this request.

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Patrick Flaherty, the Board voted to approve and Alteration of Premises for JSR Corporation d/b/a Food Court. *Voted 5/0*

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**6:12PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Su Casa**

Chairman Quintal read the Public Hearing Notice into the records as follows:  
In accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held remotely or in-person at the Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:10pm to consider the application for an Alteration of Premises from Ladder 15 LLC d/b/a Su Casa, holder of an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License, 30 Main Street, Erin Murphy, Manager. Description of premises will be as follows: 1800 square feet, one floor with four rooms, one entrance, two exits, basement is 440 square feet. Applicant seeks to add outdoor seating in cordoned off parking spaces in front of the building per the license with the Town.

Erin Murphy came on and thanked the Board for this opportunity and said they are looking forward to a successful outdoor dining season this year.

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Patrick Flaherty, the Board voted to approve an Alteration of Premises for Ladder 15 LLC d/b/a Su Casa. *Voted 5/0*

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**6:14PM – UPWELLER**

Kyle Marble came up and thanked the Board for having them in tonight to discuss upwellers. He said the Plymouth oyster community have a unique opportunity to capitalize on our natural resources in Plymouth Harbor. He said Plymouth has about 30 active Aquaculture Leases and over 70 acres of public and private oyster flats. He then showed a map of the current oyster farms and compared them to those in Duxbury which has about the same number of leases and acreage as well. He said having said that, they outproduce Plymouth by ten-fold. He said they do that by having the full support of the community and town leaders. He said they also market their product locally, regionally, and nationally and have innovative equipment and technology to increase their production. He said Plymouth could increase their production if they took it seriously. He said Plymouth is already known nationally and has strong tourism. He said the restaurants, shopping, entertainment, and recreation are all big draws to Plymouth. He said Aquaculture is in its infancy in Plymouth and has the potential for short-term and long-term growth. He said this growth would impact Plymouth by adding jobs and increase tourism as well. He said there is also an environmental impact because one single oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day. He said oysters increase aquatic life and creates habitats for a variety of organisms. He said it also helps increase the fish population as well. He said much like the cranberry industry, oyster farming offers a unique opportunity to educate out youth on profitability and sustainability and it promotes people entering this industry to create a rewarding, high paying career. He said this also increases tax revenue both directly and indirectly. He said we can do this with the support of town leaders in the creation of an Aquaculture Zone. He said we can increase best practices and introduce upwellers to this industry. He then talked about Upwellers which are primary tools oyster farmers can use to substantially increase their production. He said they are small boat / platforms that oysters are contained in below the water. He said water is continuously fed through with an aeration pump to keep a constant flow running through the oyster seeds. He said this is self-sustaining and not dependent on tides or weather. He said this tool allows oyster farmers to exponentially increase their crop without financial risks. He said they would propose a small area in Hobs Hole where these can be located, and each leaseholder would have the opportunity for an upweller. He said they would be about 10 feet tall and 38 feet long and be secured with an anchor system. He said they would have a low decibel generator with future solar options. He said they would be placed seasonally from June through September and easily evacuated if needed. He said they have the support of the Harbor Committee, the Oyster Community, the Chamber of Commerce, The Division of Marine Fisheries, and the Lobstermen's Association. He finished by thanking the Select Board for having them in tonight to present their proposal.

Vie Chairman Cavacco said she wanted to let everyone know that this was voted on and supported unanimously by the Harbor Committee.

Selectman Bletzer asked what the negative to using these would be if there are any, to which Kyle Marble said the only negative would be if a storm blew through and wiped out their entire crop.

Selectman Helm said he looks forward to the day that he can go to Austin, Texas and see Island Creek crossed off the menu and have it say, Plymouth Oysters.

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve the request for the use of upwellers in the locations as presented. *Voted 5/0*

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## 6:28PM – TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

### Town Meeting

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager, wanted to reflect on Town Meeting for a moment. He said the whole thing went really well and there was a lot of thoughtful and successful debate. He said we get hundreds of questions from Town Meeting Members and many of our Department Heads spend countless hours responding to those questions and he appreciates their efforts. He thanked everyone involved with Town Meeting.

### Covid Update

Derek Brindisi said that we have seen a small uptick in positive cases and the positivity rate is at 2.02 percent. He said the Public Health Department has been monitoring that as well and we received a grant to test out wastewater. He said that is another way to monitor the virus and we have also seen an increase in viral load in our wastewater as well. He said this is telling us that people are not reporting their positive test results and it could also mean that people are positive and not actually taking a test at all. He said Covid has not gone away yet and we will still continue to monitor it closely.

### 558 Wareham Road

Derek Brindisi said this property is in disrepair and is scheduled to be appointed by a receiver by the courts on April 25<sup>th</sup> so there has been some progress. He said this has been an ongoing issue for some time with no cooperation from the property owner so once the receiver has been appointed by the courts, we will be able to bring the property back into compliance.

### Smokestack

Derek Brindisi said the property owner has informed the Town that they have engaged a general contractor to begin the dismantling of the smokestack on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. He said Bill Keohan is in regular communication with the property owner who has engaged Building Conservation Specialists who will complete a report that will assist the Town in a possible reclamation of the remains. He said the smokestack has been approved by the Mass Historical Commission for demolition.

Chairman Quintal said he and Vice Chairman Cavacco met with Bill Keohan and the Janette’s last week and they are very willing to work with the Town on whether it be a memorial or a rebuild of some sort. He said he is certain that we will continue to research this even after the smokestack has been removed to which Vice Chairman Cavacco said that they have been very cooperative. She said they feel bad that it has to come down, but they realize it is a safety issue. She said they are willing to work with us to see if there is any way we can save the bricks and reuse them for some sort of memorial. She then said that we already have a secured location to store the bricks as well. She said personally she would like to see a whole new smokestack built closer to the water with a light on top because many boaters used that as a landmark when returning to Plymouth.

### Communication Tower

Derek Brindisi said he has been working with Joe Young, our IT Director, who has been in the process of removing a communication antenna at the Fire Headquarters for various reasons. He said one of the prime locations to relocate this tower to is place it on the top of this building, the Town Hall. He said people are sometimes reluctant to do that because of historical reasons or aesthetics. He said fire and police have both said this would increase communications because of the elevation so we are looking into antenna types that might fit the building and surrounding area better so he will keep the Board updated.



### Help Desk

Derek Brindisi said that the New Help Desk is up and running on the second floor at Town Hall. He said this is for residents that need assistance paying bills online or purchasing dump and beach stickers online. He said they can also help people navigate the building and they have two full-time staff members on duty during Town Hall hours. He said they have also discussed adding kiosks at both entrances to Town Hall to help residents find what departments handle what and how to get them there.

Vice Chairman Cavacco said we had talked about getting volunteers to be stationed at each entrance of Town Hall to help direct customers to the right place. We thought that would be more personal, but nothing ever came of that and asked if it could be looked into.

### Important Meetings

Derek Brindisi said there have been several very important meetings that have been taking place and will continue to be ongoing this week and weeks to come.

Derek Brindisi said the first meeting this week will be with the DCR Commissioner to discuss funding support for the promenade and the acquisition of the DCR Park to the right of the portico on the waterfront. He the DPW also held a meeting at Stephen's Field yesterday to begin the design stages of the park. And lastly, he said this coming Thursday the Army Corps of Engineers will be meeting with David Gould on Long Beach to review the \$25 million dollar dike project that was announced via Senator Markey's Office.

### Public Restrooms

Derek Brindisi said there are two options for the White Horse Beach Restrooms. He said we could go ahead and acquire the regular porta-potties as we have been doing or we could potentially use \$100,000 of ARPA Funds to purchase the portable restroom trailer also called Comfort Stations. He said if you wanted us to pursue the Comfort Station, we can bring this back to the Board for a vote to expend the ARPA Funds. He also said he has been working with Steve Lydon and the Visitor Services Board and they are considering giving us \$10,000 to open the outside restrooms at Town Hall earlier in the year and keep them open later in the year. He said these funds would give us 147 extra days to keep those restrooms open.

Steve Lydon came up and said the Visitor Services Board always supports tourism and we do many things that people don't know, such as the new wooden sign at North Park and Court Street. He said they also worked on wrapping the light poles in white lights as well as working with Robin Carver and wrapping all of the light boxes with artwork. He said we will continue to support this grant to keep these restrooms open for tourists and residents.

Vice Chairman Cavacco came on and said she is completely in favor of the Comfort Station restrooms at White Horse Beach. She said she would love for that to come back to the Board so we can discuss expending ARPA Funds for that project.

### Mental Health Counselor

Derek Brindisi said that the Mental Health Counselor from the Division of Children and Families will begin this Thursday. She said she will be riding with a route car during the day patrols to relate to any behavioral or mental health calls into our Police Department. He said this is being funded through a grant program and will be Monday through Friday days.

Chairman Quintal then asked if we could have a feasibility study done on the Town Hall as far as the antenna on the roof goes. He asked if the Facility Manager could do that because there is the potential to have some additional revenue. He also said he would like to see the maintenance plans for all of our buildings, to which Derek Brindisi said he can invite the Facility Manager in to make a presentation at one of our future meetings.

Vice Chairman Cavacco said this reminds her of their proposal to consolidate with the School Department that might make things easier. She said we throw it out there every year but then dies on the vine. She said she is hopeful that the New Town Manager can help us with this research and get this proposal off the ground.

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#### **6:50PM – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Lydon came up first and said he is on the Capital Improvement Committee and every Division Head comes in and present what they need. He said he was very surprised that the Fire Station didn't pass because the information from the Capital Improvement Committee didn't get passed on to Town Meeting. He said he may have missed it, but no one gave Town Meeting what their priorities were based on all of the projects that were presented. He said this is important information and we haven't spent money on our Fire Stations in years.

Vice Chairman Cavacco said that is a very good point but once the Capital Improvement Committee performs their rankings the Town Manager and Finance Director adjust that list based on their recommendations. She said she feels as though there is a disconnect for the Town Manager to overlook what the Capital Improvement Committee recommends.

Derek Brindisi said that what we're talking about is very unique to Plymouth because most communities do not have a committee that holds an all-day session to rank Capital requests. He said Plymouth does this process a little different, but we can certainly sit down and take a look at the process and make some adjustments as the Board sees fit.

Chairman Quintal said what he would actually like to see is a projection of our upcoming maintenance plan. He said he believes the School Department has a plan projected out about twenty years and he would like to see that on the Town side as well.

Conni Melahoures came up and said she is a lifelong resident of Plymouth. She then talked about the thoroughbred horse racing track and said that Vice Chairman Cavacco posted on her Facebook page that all Select Board Members were against horse racing, so she asked the Board to put forward a motion to oppose bring horse racing and gambling to Plymouth.

Kathleen Dunn came up next and first said that she commends the Town for being proactive and adding a mental health worker to one of the route cars for the Police Department. She then said she appreciated the letter that was posted by the Board that showed support for the RFP but, the RFP specifically stated thoroughbred horse racing and gambling and she wondered to whom that letter was sent.

Henrietta Cosentino came on next and said there was a great event that took place in front of Wood's Seafood this past Saturday. She said it was a rally to voice opposition to the Holtec plan of dumping a million gallons of radioactive nuclear waste into Cape Cod Bay. She said Vice Chairman Cavacco gave a wonderful speech and talked about an injunction and class action lawsuit. She then asked what was going to be done to follow up with those comments. She said the first thing that the Town of Plymouth should do is to make its position on this issue public. She said there needs to be a statement that can be posted on the Town website and released to the press and sent to our state delegation. She said she is very eager to see the Select Board take the action that the Vice Chairman promised. She then asked for an answer to her question about what the next steps were, to which Chairman Quintal said the Board is no longer going to engage questions during Public Comment. He said none of the other Boards or Committees allow that especially when they are legal questions. The Board needs time to vet the replies out before making any solid statements.

Pat McCarthy came up next and talked about the non-binding ballot question. She said she thinks its important for the citizens to know about the land that the County currently owns. She said people living down on the Bourne line then you may not necessarily know about the County Woodlot so any information would be very helpful to everyone.

Charles Vautrain came up next and said he has been a resident for fifty years and raised three children here as well. He said many people in Plymouth are concerned about this whole County Woodlot proposal for horse racing. He then said he hopes that the Select Board includes the use of the County Woodlot in the non-binding referendum question. He also said that he agrees with Pat McCarthy saying that it should be noted that this is County owned land and clearly communicate the location. He said he hopes that the Board will consider these suggestions before the non-binding ballot question is released.

Al DiNardo came on and said that the Select Board is doing nothing wrong by not commenting on Public Comment. He said based on Open Meeting Laws the Board can only comment on items that are included on the agenda. He then said he wanted to touch on two major issues. He said the Office of the State Auditor came out with a report that is pretty damning to Beacon Hill. He said there have been twenty-nine laws that have had a negative effect on local government. He said 20% of all local aid in the Commonwealth has been affected by un-funded mandates and this has had a negative effect on our budget. He said now that the contracts have been settled, he would like to suggest trying to find out what that number is whether it be through the Finance Committee, a subcommittee, or an auditor. He said once we figure out that number we should sit down with our local legislators and discuss stopping unfunded mandates. He then said as far as the thoroughbred horse racing track, he thinks we are putting the horse before the cart. He said Boston South will be holding a public process so as a community we should be doing the same thing. He said the Select Board Members are the gatekeepers of this town and you say what comes into town through things like Town Meeting and zoning bylaws. He said we should put this on hold and due our own due diligence. He said it is simple branding and asked what people would think if we allowed this type of thing to come to Plymouth. We need to voice what we want in this community.

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## 7:20PM – NON-BINDING REFERENDUM QUESTION

Selectman Flaherty came on and said he knows there might be a couple of different versions of this question, but he wanted to read his proposed question as follows: *“Do you support the development project that includes a thoroughbred horse racetrack in Plymouth on the land known as the Plymouth County Woodlot”*. He said that is the question that he would propose for this may’s ballot. He then said he does not want to jump into a motion until others have had the chance to speak on this matter.

Vice Chairman Cavacco said although the RFP included a thoroughbred Horse Racing Track, the motion that the Board made did not include that, but it did include a gaming and sports complex so where does that fit into this question because if everyone votes not to have a thoroughbred horse racing track does that cancel out the entire project or does it give them the ability to change what they propose, to which Selectmen Flaherty said this is a non-binding referendum question so the developer could still pursue whatever they want. He said this question is only giving the residents and opportunity to be heard. He said he understands that the Board had a motion but there is still the proposal that came from Boston South and that is where the focus of this question stems from.

Vice Chairman Cavacco said she is confused because that was not the motion that the Board put forward last week, to which Selectman Helm said the motion that we put forward was not the issue because this is a non-binding referendum ballot question. He said it is not necessarily about the proposal or the Board's previous motion, it is about the people being heard on whether or not they would like a thoroughbred horse racing track in Plymouth. He said it is basically about the perception that the RFP have created because it clearly says gambling and horse racing. He then said that he would like to read another version of the question as follows: *"To see if the voters will support the planning process to examine the creation of a racing sports and entertainment complex with its anchor use being thoroughbred racing as a future use on land owned by Plymouth County known as the County Woodlot"*. He then said it would also include the parcel ID's and addresses as well.

Selectman Bletzer said he didn't vote for the approval of a thoroughbred horse racing track. He said that has never come before the board to even vote on. He said what came before the Board was a developer that wanted to come in and do something with the 110 acres known as the County Woodlot. He said he wouldn't approve anything on that land until the infrastructure is fixed in and around that area. He said the roads are terrible and the traffic is awful but with that being said the lack of economic development has caused taxes to go up. He said we have to at least listen to these developers when they have ideas. He also said that he would never vote for any kind of development that the residents of Plymouth don't support, and he will make that promise right now. He then said he feels that the non-binding question should be worded so that if they come up with a different idea it won't impede it. He said he doesn't want to discourage any development because we need it badly.

Chairman Quintal came on and said he would not support the second version of the non-binding question that lists other uses, but he would support the question that just mentions the horse racing. He said there were seven RFPs submitted and five of them were for housing, one was for gravel removal, and the other was for horse racing and a sports arena. He said he will give the County credit for not choosing an RFP that included housing or a gravel operation. He also reminded everyone that when they put in 40B Housing they don't need to check the traffic or mitigate traffic so be careful what you are wishing for. He then urged everyone to give the process a chance and get all of the information that you can. He said there are a lot of hurdles with this process before anything can be determined. He said everyone is getting so emotional and it's tearing this town apart. He said when his daughter comes to him in tears because some clown on Facebook is disturbing. He said if anyone has something to say to him then call him or email him and say it but don't put it on Facebook.

Vice Chairman Cavacco said she couldn't agree with you more. She said it is very sad because she knows how hard everyone works and even if we all don't agree we are respectful and civilized towards each other. She said her family and children aren't allowed on social media. She said they have been on social media before and saw some of the comments and her 18-year-old son asks why she does this and she didn't know what to say. She said she got into this because she just wanted to help people. She said she thinks she has done everything that she said she was going to do so she just isn't going to respond anymore because it is not worth it. She said she has had to file police reports and it's been a rough year. She said no one should have to do that because she would do anything to help anyone. She said she welcomes anyone to put their name on a ballot and sit in these chairs because it's not easy.

Chairman Quintal asked if these non-binding questions and motions have been reviewed by Town Counsel, to which Derek Brindisi said yes, they have been reviewed by Town Counsel and approved to go onto the ballot if the Board wishes.

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by Betty Cavacco, the Board voted to place a non-binding question on the May 21, 2022 ballot which would say “Do you support a development project that includes a thoroughbred horse racing track in Plymouth on land owned by Plymouth County known primarily as the County Woodlot located off Camelot Drive in the Plymouth Industrial Park consisting of the following parcels: Parcel ID 088.000.054.000 63 Camelot Drive with 106.248 acres, Parcel ID 083.000.023.042D 0 Raffaele Road with 2.28 acres, Parcel ID 088.000.042.001 144 R Long Pond Road with 20969 acres all located in the Township of Plymouth in Plymouth County”. *Voted 5/0*

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#### 7:44PM – LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Second Wind Brewing Company** for a Private Function being held on April 28, 2022 from 4:30pm to 10:30pm in the parking lot in front of their Brewery. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Patrick Flaherty, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Second Wind Brewing Company** for an Anniversary Beer Garden being held on May 14 and 15, 2022 from 11:30am to 10:30pm in the parking lot in front of the Brewery. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by Betty Cavacco, the Board voted to approve an Amplified Music Permit for **Redbrook** for an Acoustic Guitar/Singer at an Earth Day Event being held on April 23, 2022 from 10:00am to 3:00pm on the Green. *Voted 5/0*

#### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to waive the 15-day veto period per Section 3-5-1 of the Town Charter and confirm Neil Foley as the New Plymouth Fire Chief. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to appoint Christopher Badot, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, as the Select Board’s Designated Hearing Officer for Complaints of Dangerous or Nuisance Dogs. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute a temporary *License Agreement* between the Town (as Licensor) and Priscilla Beach Realty Trust, owner of 50 Priscilla Beach Road (as Licensee), which shall authorize temporary vehicular access over public coastal beach properties located off Taylor Avenue identified as “White Horse Beach” on Plymouth Assessor’s Map 45A and Lot 30B on Plymouth Assessor’s Map 44, for the purpose of transporting equipment and materials related to the construction of an erosion control revetment on private property at 50 Priscilla Beach Road. *Voted 5/0*

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#### 7:46PM – COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

None

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**7:47PM – OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Chairman Cavacco came on and said we had a discussion regarding Holtec in our Executive Session with our legal team and our special counsel. She then said she would like to, through the Chair, direct the Town Manager to work with Town Counsel, Special Counsel, and State and Federal Legislative Delegations to take all means necessary including pursuing legislation or legal action to prevent the dumping of wastewater from Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant into the Cape Cod Bay and to ensure the long-term safety and security of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Site. She said they would also like to have the Federal and State Delegation come down and meet with us to discuss this matter. She finished with saying “Not One Drop”.

Chairman Quintal thanked everyone for watching and told them to have a great week. He then said to keep the good people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers.

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**7:49PM - ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by Betty Cavacco, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 7:49pm.

*Voted 5/0 By Roll Call: Quintal-Yes, Cavacco-Yes, Flaherty-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes*

**Recorded by:** Christopher Badot

*Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen*