

# PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

GREAT HALL, 26 COURT STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA  
HYBRID REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM, PLYMOUTH, MA – 6:00 PM

---

## 6:00PM - 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:

**Remote Participation:** please go to the Town website under the Select Board page and click on the Zoom Webinar Registration box or simply click on the link below.

[https://pactv.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-cge\\_yk\\_Q9KtC8f1ydH61g](https://pactv.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-cge_yk_Q9KtC8f1ydH61g)

Present: Betty Cavacco, Chairman  
Richard Quintal, Vice Chairman  
Harry Helm  
Charlie Bletzer  
John Mahoney  
  
Derek Brindisi, Town Manager  
Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager

---

## 6:01PM – NEW SELECTMAN OATH

Chairman Quintal wanted to congratulate and welcome John Mahoney as a new Select Board member. He also wanted to congratulate and welcome Selectman Bletzer back to the Board.

Anna Messner, Acting Town Clerk, then came up to swear in Charlie Bletzer to the Plymouth Board of Selectman for a three-year term. Selectman Bletzer then wanted to thank his family and his wife Lisa Bletzer for their support. He said he had a great committee that worked hard for him and a lot of dedicated supporters. He then said he would like to welcome John Mahoney back to the Select Board. He said a couple of days ago we were opponents in a race but now we are colleagues, and he is looking forward to working with Selectman Mahoney and the rest of the Board doing positive things for the Town of Plymouth. He then said that Ed Bradley and Alan Costello both ran positive campaigns and he wanted to thank them for that during this race.

Anna Messner then came up to swear in John Mahoney to the Plymouth Select Board for a three-year term as well. Selectman Mahoney then said it is sort of surreal to be back on the Select Board. He said he has worked with Chairman Quintal and Vice Chairman Cavacco before, and he looks forward to working with them again along with the other Board Members diving into some of the important issues for Plymouth.

Selectman Mahoney said that Selectman Bletzer was helicoptered in last August and a lot of things were going on around you with certain issues and said he can't imagine how much work that must have been. He then thanked Patrick Flaherty for his three years of service on the Board and it is an honor to succeed him. He said he also agrees that Ed Bradley and Alan Costello ran amazing campaigns, and he congratulated them for that. He said there was also an uptick in voter turnout and that was a positive thing to see. He finished by saying it is an honor for him to be back on the Board and he thanked everyone for their support.

---

## **6:08PM – SELECT BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION**

Chairman Quintal said before we begin the re-organization, he wanted everyone to know that he will not be accepting any nominations to be the Chairman again. He said it has been a wonderful and challenging year for him. He said regardless of anyone's opinion he thinks it has been a fantastic year and we've accomplished a great deal. He said we got a lot done for management and town staff from the top to the basement. He said he has served on this Board for years in many different capacities and he has never seen it this quiet, and when its quiet it means people are happy. He said there are some controversial issues such as the County Woodlot and we'll have that conversation when it is brought to the table. He said once the application is submitted, we will present it the right way and let people weigh in. He said it has been an honor to serve in any capacity but more so as Chairman in this town that he loves. He then asked if there were any nominations forthcoming.

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by Richard Quintal, the Board voted to make Betty Cavacco the New Chairman of the Plymouth Select Board.

*Voted 3/2 Cavacco-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Helm-No, Mahoney-No*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to make Richard Quintal the New Vice Chairman of the Plymouth Select Board. *Voted 5/0*

Chairman Cavacco said she truly appreciates the support and said she has served with everyone that is currently on this Board. She said there were no issues before and she doesn't see there being any issues moving forward. She said it is now time to get down to business because we have a lot of work to get done for this community.

---

## **6:12PM – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - ARTICLE 5**

Randy Parker came on and said that the Board had asked to have this postponed until this week so you could get the opinion of Town Counsel. He said the language within Article 5 simply say that an application and permit would not be needed for residential lots or structures existing prior to March 27, 1973. He said this is essentially a grandfathering provision similar to what we have in zoning as well as the Health Department and septic systems. He said when we go to do something on a lot it has equity and value but to be fair, we have no business applying successor regulations to lots created prior to 1973. He then read the following statement into the records: *Local wetland regulations keep expanding. These little cottage lots along our 30 miles of coastline, 360 ponds, and numerous streams have become overwhelmed by buffers to any wetlands, first a 25 foot no build buffer, then 35 foot no touch and 50 foot no build, now 50 – 100 foot no build if no practicable alternative. With 96.5 square miles of land surface and 37.5 miles of water, we contain 39% inland waters built upon early on.*

*Many of these lots are smaller than the buffer required, their entirety subject to any and all wetland regulations, to the point that owners of old lots can do very little without conservation approval. There are minor activities, like fencing, but not even a post and rail fence down a lot line between properties can be installed in the present 35 foot no touch buffer. Issue has been taken by the commission over the location of flagstones or a stationary grill next to a coastal bank where wetland interests are storm damage prevention and sediment supply. Flagstones and grills, brick patios and the like cannot be subject to such autocratic, de minimus control, as none has any influence over the controlling interest. Simply put, disproportionate control is inequitably exerted over old lots than new.*

*The cost of regulating de minimus is out of control. The hidden, lost money. The contention and continuations. Higher interest paid unnecessarily. Obstructive litigation costs. Rent and value lost. Inflation. Higher stock costs. Engineering bills that go on and on through revision after revision, negotiations to avoid suing the juris favored town, an avoidance of tens of thousands of dollars and years lost for nothing much. Our Conservation Commission has us at a distinct disadvantage for no wetland rationale whatsoever.*

*We should not continue down this road. It is oppressive for no good reason, an excuse to perhaps control all development by controlling all land, even that occupied by those already here. Residents need exception for quality of life. We do not need autocratic, tyrannical control over land we own and expect to enjoy. Leave the regulations to control vacant land and lots full tilt if you must, but please let us already here be.*

He said the only options some of our residents have, is to sue the Conservation Commission and spend tens of thousands of dollars as well as waste years and years of time in order to do whatever it is that you wanted to do on your property. He said he doesn't get angry very easily, but he is getting very tired of this inequity as it is frustrating to say the least. He said we do not need autocratic and tyrannical control over land that we as residents own.

Selectman Mahoney asked him to explain how he came up with the March 27, 1973 grandfather date, to which Randy parker said that is the date that we adopted the modern zoning bylaws. He said by using that date it puts us in a pipeline with zoning and once we look at an application we will know if that is protected under zoning and if it is then it should be protected by our wetland protection bylaw as well.

Selectman Mahoney said there is a very dense population between Bartlett Brook and Manomet Point and all were built before that date. He then asked if we were opening up a can of worms by doing this, to which Randy Parker said that is a good question. He said one thing he knows is that we are not opening up ourselves for something that might be happening if we didn't have zoning bylaws on the books. He said there are other protections such as adding a bedroom which you cannot simply add.

Selectman Helm came on and asked Randy parker to explain the Commonwealth's Wetlands Protection Act and then asked if he had property on the ocean could he expand his home towards the ocean, to which Randy parker said the actual expansion of structures under state regulations allows you to build fairly close to those wetlands if you have the appropriate mitigation. He said state regulations address if the expansion would be causing harm to the wetlands or not. He said there is no more risk permitting under the state regulations than the local regulations.

Ginny Davis came up and asked why Town Meeting Members would be voting on things like this because we are not experts, to which Derek Brindisi said this is a proposal to amend the town bylaw which requires a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting.

Evelyn Strawn came up and congratulated the new Select Board Members. She said she served on the Conservation Commission before and conducted site visits for projects that fell under the Wetlands Protection Act. She said by doing this she gained a lot of information and an appreciation for this town that we live in and some of the challenges that face us. She said just about a year ago we issued a declaration about climate change and created a new town staff position based on coastal resiliency. She said she does not think this is a good time to weaken protections like these. She said regardless of the age of the lot, anything done on that lot has an effect on neighboring lots and wetlands. She said across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts about a third of all wetlands have been filled in so she thinks it would be helpful to step back and look at why we have the Wetlands Protection Act. She then asked the Board to keep this in mind and not to support this article.

Bruce Howard, Conservation Commission Chairman, came on and said the Conservation Commission has grave concerns about this article which proposes exemptions for residential lots. He said this article would create two classes of property for the application of the wetland's protection bylaw. He said homeowners may not understand or know if they must comply with the bylaw. He said neighbors will see activities by others and assume that they can do the same. The Commission contends that this will result in more overhead with administrative and enforcement resulting in increased legal actions taken and defended. He said the Commission is further concerned that this exemption will weaken the implementation of the wetland's bylaw. He said less regulations for property by the coast will result in potential degradation of health and safety of homeowners who live there. He said the proposed exemption will challenge the town's ability to protect our wetlands, ponds, and streams. He said the health of these water bodies are windows to our sole source aquifer and the exemptions proposed would have a cumulative negative affect. He said the Commission contends that this exemption is unnecessary. He said for the most part the professional engineers who come before the Commission are able to work with their clients to do projects in an environmentally responsible way. He said professional engineers work with their clients to help them understand what is permitted in the buffer zones and to evaluate practicable alternatives to locating activity within the outer buffer zone. He said when there are no practicable alternatives the Commission evaluates each project based on its merits and considers project waiver submissions. He said rather than create exemptions from the wetlands bylaw which will create inequity between properties, confusion amongst homeowners, challenges for engineers working with two sets of regulations, would allow less environmentally sound projects to move forward, and negatively impact our environment and aquifer. He said the Commission asks for your support in maintaining the town's bylaw and support the Wetland's Protection Act. He said please vote no on article 5.

Randy Parker came back on and thanked Evelyn Strawn for her comments and said he thinks she was the best Chair of the Conservation Commission that we have ever had. He said she approached him years ago and said they wanted to vote their own set of regulations and a wetlands bylaw that won't have exemptions for non-conforming lots. He then said he is dealing with residents that are superb and he does not like being on the other side of the fence when it comes to this. He said however, we talk about environmental protection and if you were to look at the maps on his wall, aquifer protection, ground water, zones one, two, and three, recreational water bodies, there is very little of Plymouth that is not protected by aquifer protection, by the natural heritage and endangered species program, or the state wetland regulations, we are more efficiently protected when it comes to wetlands. He said he thinks the wetland protection regulations that we are dealing with locally are discretionary. He said we have to have latitude to go on living our lives and doing what residents do with these overbearing regulations coming from the Conservation Commission.

Steve Lydon came up and said he knows very little about these rules and regulations but said he would like to see them compared to other coastal communities. He said they should be compared with towns like Hingham, Scituate, and Cohasset, to which Randy Parker said to the best of his knowledge no other town has a 100 foot no touch buffer zone. He also said it is difficult to compare Plymouth to other towns because we are special.

Bruce Howard came on and said his wife is a landscaper and in her experience some towns are stricter, and some are less strict, so Plymouth falls right about in the middle, to which Randy Parker said he would like to know how many towns have a 50 to 100 foot discretionary no touch buffer zones.

Selectman Helm came on and said he is not going to support this article even though he supported the previous article. He said he will not support this because he agrees with many of the comments made by Bruce Howard.

Selectman Bletzer asked if we had to take a position on this or could we just pass it on and let the legislative body take their vote because he sees merit on both sides, to which Derek Brindisi said this is a citizen's petition so regardless of your vote to support it or not it will still move forward to Town Meeting.

Vice Chairman Quintal said he thought we were going to see these regulations after the third-party review, to which Chairman Cavacco said that was what was supposed to happen. She said she will support this so that Town Meeting can discuss it further. She said it is frustrating when you are on your own property, and you can't put up something as simple as a post and rail fence or patio pavers.

The Board discussed this article and decided that they would take no motion and no action. The article will still proceed to Town Meeting as it is a citizen's petitioned article.

---

## **6:59PM – TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

### Election Results

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager, came on and said the results of the election have been posted to the Town's website but he wanted to remind people that is not the official vote tally as they are still counting votes. He said they expect the official certified election results to be posted sometime next week. He said what has been posted are the winners and losers and that will not change, the only thing that will change will be the final total votes.

### Senator Markey's Office

Derek Brindisi said that he had the opportunity to meet with Ben Thomas from Senator Markey's Office to discuss a previous conversation about the water in the spent fuel pool at Holtec. He said we have experts that work for the Town of Plymouth that should also be involved in these conversations. He said they should also be involved in taking samples of the water when looking for pollutants and contamination. He said he talked with Senator Markey's Office about saving us a seat at the table when Holtec starts to discuss this matter. He said they also said they are trying to identify spots in Plymouth Harbor where they should take water samples and he requested that David Gould and Chad Hunter be involved in those talks. He said he got a commitment from Senator Markey's Office that they will engage with state officials and with Holtec officials to get us a seat at that table. He said as things progress and move forward, he will keep the Select Board update throughout this process.

### Graffiti

Derek Brindisi said it seems that we are getting more and more notification of graffiti these days found on both private and public property. He said he met with staff to come with some ideas that we can put into place to reduce the number of graffiti events in Plymouth. He said the first thing people can do is if they find any graffiti, they should call the business line at the Plymouth Police Department so they can track when and where this graffiti is taking place. He said this will help us to gather important information that will hopefully help us to curb this crime. He also said they are trying to go to Town Meeting to implement bylaws to mitigate the misuse of spray paint.

### White Horse Beach Restrooms

Derek Brindisi said they are opening bids on the new White Horse Beach Restrooms, and they are on track to have the new comfort station in place by July 4<sup>th</sup> this year.

### Crossover

Derek Brindisi said that the crossover on Long Beach will be open for the first time this season at 9:00am this Saturday. He said it will be open seven days per week through Labor Day and effective this weekend only Morton Park and Plymouth Beach will be staffed.

### Bulkhead Project

Derek Brindisi said the bulkhead project next to Wood's Seafood is still on track and is expected to be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup> pending any delays.

### Smokestack

Derek Brindisi said that the demolition of the Cordage smokestack is now complete as of today. He said they are now working with the Board and the management at Cordage to transport the salvaged bricks over to the Water Barn for future uses.

### Pavement Management Program

Derek Brindisi said the Pavement Program is beginning this week. He said the schedule is posted on the Town website under Quicklinks. He said this information lists all of the roads that are slated to be worked on as well as the tentative schedule.

### Motorcycle Officer

Derek Brindisi said he wanted to congratulate Caitlyn Burchill for becoming the Plymouth Police Department's first female Motorcycle Officer. He said she went to training and completed that, so he wanted to congratulate Officer Burchill for her achievement.

Vice Chairman Quintal asked if the Town manager knew if there were enough Town Meeting members elected in order to make a quorum for Town Meeting, to which Derek Brindisi said it appears that there are a number of vacancies so he will speak with the Town Clerk to confirm that and to see what the process is to try to fill those vacancies.

Pat McCarthy came up and said if there are vacancies then the precinct can caucus and appoint Town Meeting Members. She said this can be done once the precinct has properly advertised the vacancies and has given everyone a chance to put their names in.

Selectman Mahoney asked if the Pavement Management Program was being funded by a new allocation, to which Derek Brindisi said they allocate funds every two years so this is being funded by a previous allocation at Town Meeting. He said this will be \$2,500,000 worth of roadway work that is slated for this year.

Chairman Cavacco said there is also graffiti in the cemetery and on the jetty in Plymouth Harbor as well as the fish shanties across from Plymouth Beach to which Derek Brindisi said he would look into that.

Chairman Cavacco then asked if those fishing shanties were owned by the Town and if so, can we fix them up, so they are not an eyesore, to which Derek Brindisi said those shanties are owned by the Town and he believes Bill Keohan has been working on plans to possible repair and restore those small buildings.

Chairman Cavacco said she thinks we should put this out there and see if there were any volunteers that would like to get involved. She said they are in rough shape, and it would be nice to restore them and get that quaintness back again.

Everett Malaguti came up and said that Bill Keohan definitely knows more about these shacks because the Community Preservation Committee talked about restoring them. He said one of the three buildings did burn down within the past year or two and the other two shacks are in very bad condition. He agrees they should be restored because they are in a very visible location across from the beach where visitors can see them.

Selectman Bletzer asked if there was any historic value to these shacks, to which Everett Malaguti said yes, they represent the fishing history in Plymouth. He said there was also discussions about possible using them as rental cottages for artists.

Chairman Cavacco said while we are talking about this area she asked if we could get some type of an update on the property where Bert's used to be because it looks awful, to which Derek Brindisi said of course, he'll see what he can find out for the Board.

---

### **7:12PM – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rich Serkey came up and said he has previously spoken about how it would be unwise to build a horse racing track on the County Woodlot. He said he is here tonight to say that it would be illegal to place a horse racetrack on the County owned Woodlot. He said Massachusetts State Laws prohibit a racetrack from being located on a premises owned by the Commonwealth or one of its political subdivisions. He said he would refer anyone interested to Chapter 128A, Section 3L of the General Laws. He said he is astounded that this prohibition was not discovered by Counsel for Boston South, the County Commissioners, and the Town of Plymouth assuming the three entities sought the opinions of their Counsel. He said according to Randy Parker, Town Counsel's opinion was sought regarding Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting, so why wasn't Town Counsel's opinion sought for this proposed racetrack, especially given the fact that we urged the Select Board to seek that opinion. He said for this reason alone, he respectfully urges the Board to rescind the March 29<sup>th</sup> vote in support of Boston South's due diligence regarding this land. He said he would suggest putting that on an agenda for a future Select Board Meeting when you can revisit this whole issue, to which Derek Brindisi said he is correct, the law how he described it is correct however this property would be allowed to have a horse racetrack located on it if it were to be disposed of to a private property owner.

Rich Serkey came back up and said that is true if the land were to be conveyed to a private citizen, but it is his understanding that the plan all along was to lease the County Woodlot to Boston South, and in that event, it will still be county owned land and cannot be used for this proposed horse racetrack, to which Derek Brindisi said you made some valid points but what the County decides to do with that property remains to be seen.

Derek Brindisi then said it was also mentioned that we should have sought Town Counsel's opinion, but this is not the Town's project, this is the County's project, so we don't want to invest money in legal advice until we absolutely need to.

Alyse Bruno came up and said she was also here to speak out against the horse racetrack. She said she understands that question 4 on the ballot last weekend was non-binding, however almost 90% vote that they did not support this proposal. She said she also respectfully asks that the development of the Woodlot be put on a future agenda for more discussion. She said it has been insinuated by Boston South that the present zoning of the Woodlot allows for a horse racetrack even though this is not true. It is zoned for light industrial and rural residential. She said the Select Board has provided Boston South with the conditional letter of approval but since this letter was written it has become clear that Boston South's first and only priority is to build a thoroughbred horse racetrack and casino. She said she would like to suggest that if the Select Board is unanimously opposed to a thoroughbred horse racetrack, then the Board should immediately declare their opposition to Boston South. She said this location is a prime spot to go with an eco-tourism route such as hiking trails, horseback riding trails, and mountain biking trails. She said we need something that will promote the natural history of Plymouth rather than a casino and gambling.

Chairman Cavacco said we normally do not respond to public comment but there are a few things she would like to say. She said first off, the Board did not approve horse racing but rather the process to see what the best uses of this property might be. She then said with the vote taken this past Saturday and the subsequent 88% voting no to a horse racetrack it was planned to put this back on as an agenda item for discussion. She said she has already spoken with the Town Manager, and it appears that Boston South does want to proceed with their original plans, so she suggested that we put this back on the agenda on June 7<sup>th</sup> and have the public records request that we received be run by Town Counsel.

Selectman Bletzer said this is a County RFP and they came to us with a small presentation. He said the Board voted to let them do their due diligence which is not costing the Town of Plymouth any money. He then said he will not support anything until there are plans to fix our infrastructure in and around that area.

Selectman Helm said that through the Chair he would like to request that this agenda item be announced as a Public Hearing and advertise it appropriately, to which Derek Brindisi said he sent communication to Town Counsel about this very question to see if it should be a Public Hearing and we are waiting to hear back. He said regardless of the format they will advertise this meeting publicly and appropriately.

Vice Chairman Quintal said with all due respect he thinks that June 7<sup>th</sup> is way too soon to be holding this meeting. He then asked what we would talk to Town Counsel about because they haven't even made a proposal yet. He asked how we can have a meeting when there hasn't even been a proposal submitted regarding what they want to put there, to which Chairman Cavacco said that Boston South has said they have the approval of the Town for a horse racetrack which is not true at all.

Selectman Bletzer said maybe we can vote to draw up another letter stating that we clearly do not support a horse racetrack and send it to the Gaming Commission. He said maybe we can just change the wording on the first letter to make it perfectly clear that we oppose the racetrack and casino, to which Vice Chairman Quintal said the wording was fine on what we sent but we could craft another letter letting them know the results of the election and the non-binding question that we had on the ballot.



Pat McCarthy came up and said if you are holding this meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> then she thinks you should notify every Town Meeting Member because caucuses are happening that week as well. She said she attended the first County Commissioner's Meeting, and the public was not allowed to speak. She said some gave testimony to the Commissioners on May 9<sup>th</sup> and they said they videotaped it and would be putting on their website. She said they were surprised by many of the concerns that we brought up and they were very respectful and courteous and absorbed the issues and concerns brought forward. She said they are due to sign the agreement on June 23<sup>rd</sup> so time is of the essence to take a stand on this issue. She also said that many of them participated in their pretend presentation at Memorial Hall which they gave very little information and answered very few questions. She said one of her main concerns is traffic and how that would be resolved to which they said they did not know. She said another question brought up was the tax revenue which they also had no answers to. She then said once again that time was of the essence and suggested they rescind their vote.

Steve Bolotin came up and said he is not an expert in Massachusetts Gaming Laws and the statutes are as clear as mud. He said he thinks this is something that Boston South is counting on. He then said that Rich Serkey is correct in his reading of Chapter 128A, Section 13L and that particular provision is scheduled to be rescinded on July 31, 2022 because it will be put into a new regulation, but we have no idea what that is going to say. He said looking at the documents that came forth through the public records request three things jump out at everybody. He said one is that there is a very close relationship between Boston South and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, particularly the person in charge of thoroughbred horse racing. He said she is adamant about reinvigorating thoroughbred horse racing here in Massachusetts. He said secondly, there is no question that Boston South is looking for every loophole they can possibly find. He said Loring Tripp stood before this Board and said they would not be looking for any zoning loophole and when he asked to confirm that statement, he was told they will do whatever they are legally allowed to do. He then said the third thing is they are doing their best to completely circumvent this town. He said one of the things that is noted in these documents is the question as to whether or not under Chapter 128A, Section 14, they can go to a County vote rather than follow the instructions of the town. He said we do not have a proposal in front of us, but we all know exactly what it is that they want to do. He said you do not want to have to react to a proposal that is already coming down the track, but rather be proactive and cut them off first. He said you want the Town's position to be the default position and to be very clear which is how we defeat something that our voters have already said they do not want in Plymouth. He said the Board said they will follow the will of the people so he implores them to do everything they can legally to make it absolutely clear that the state does not have the Town's approval and do not allow Boston South to twist your words in a fashion that will force you to have to fight an uphill battle later on.

Selectman Bletzer said he thought that the state would not give them a license unless we approve their proposal, to which Steve Bolotin said under the current regulations it says that the Select Board has to have a vote after a seven-day notice period during a public hearing and that is the position that the state should be accepting. He said that they are trying to work around this process and circumvent the proper channels.

Chairman Cavacco said if a public hearing is what we should do then we should just advertise it that way whether we need it or not.

Donna Curtin came up and said there is a difference between appearance and intent. She said the intent of this Board was not to support a horse racetrack but there is an appearance thereof, so she urged the Board to listen to the distress of the Town's people and asked them to rescind their vote and the letter. She said you can allow them to develop but get a proposal.

---

## 7:44PM – LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

### LICENSES

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **MAR Promotions** for a Cage Titans 53 Event being held on June 4, 2022 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **MAR Promotions** for a Cage Titans 54 Event being held on July 2, 2022 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Spectacle Management** for Concerts being held at Memorial Hall on the following dates from 6:00pm to 11:00pm: *Voted 5/0*

- June 17, 18, 19, July 27, August 20, and September 17, 2022

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Plentiful Catering & Events as Plimoth Patuxet Museums** for a Dinner Event being held on June 18, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Craft Beer Center located at Plimoth Patuxet Museum. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve a New Vehicle for Hire Operator License for **Special Occasion Limousine** for the following person: *Voted 4/1 Quintal-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Mahoney-Yes, Cavacco-Abstain*

- Kristian Cavacco, 23 Diamond Street, Plymouth, MA

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve a New Class II Auto Dealer License for **A & G Auto Detail Inc.** *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to approve Temporary Outdoor Dining for **Cabby Shack** located in the parking lot next to the restaurant. *Voted 4/1 Cavacco-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Helm-Yes, Mahoney-Yes, Bletzer-Abstain*

The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission will approve a Keno License for **3A Café Bar and Grill** unless the Plymouth Select Board objects, which they did not.

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve a Pole Petition W/O 6402815 and 7615879 for **Eversource Energy** covering the installation of PVC conduit, cable, and one handhole on Leyden Street. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to approve Pole Petition W/O 6932837 for **Eversource Energy** covering the installation of PVC conduit (concrete encased) underground cable and conduit location. *Voted 5/0*

### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the Open meeting Minutes from the March 8, 2022 Select Board Meeting. *Voted 4/1 Cavacco-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Mahoney-Abstain*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the Open meeting Minutes from the March 15, 2022 Select Board Meeting. *Voted 4/1 Cavacco-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Mahoney-Abstain*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute an End-of-Year Transfer for the Town Clerk's Office in the amount of \$35,000 for unexpected mailing costs for voter registration and redistricting. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute an End-of-Year Transfer for the Highway Division in the amount of \$20,000 to facilitate the installation of the downtown banner poles. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute an End-of-Year Transfer for the Cemetery Division in the amount of \$6,500 to facilitate the purchase of a 36-inch walk-behind mower. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute an End-of-Year Transfer for the Fleet Division in the amount of \$46,000 to be used for the anticipated FY22 budget shortfall due to fuel costs for the Fire Department. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute an End-of-Year Transfer for the Fleet Division in the amount of \$81,000 to be used for the anticipated budget shortfall due to fuel costs for the Department of Public Works. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute an End-of-Year Transfer for the Fleet Division in the amount of \$67,000 to be used for the anticipated budget shortfall due to fuel costs for the Police Department. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute an End-of-Year Transfer for the Maintenance Division in the amount of \$100,000 due to rising costs and staffing vacancies. Work typically done by staff has had to be contracted out at prevailing wages. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the following people as Official Weighers for T.L. Edwards, Inc at their Plymouth Facility: *Voted 5/0*

- Stephen L. Edwards, 173 East Spring Street, Avon, MA
- James T. Januse, 74 Pleasant Street, Raynham, MA
- Katherine M. Januse, 911 Locust Street, Raynham, MA
- Charles J. Shinkle, 83 Redlands Road, East Falmouth, MA

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to authorize the application for, and acceptance of, grant funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs' Office of Coastal Zone Management's Coastal Resilience Grant Program, in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws (Grants and Gifts; Acceptance and Expenditure). *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to authorize the application for, and acceptance of, grant funds in the amount of \$2,279 through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research / Justice and Prevention Division's FY2022 AED for Public Safety and First Responder Vehicles Equipment Grant Program, in accordance with Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws (Grants and Gifts; Acceptance and Expenditure). *Voted 5/0*

---

**7:58PM - COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

Selectman Mahoney said due to his being elected to the Plymouth Select Board he will be resigning from the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizen's Advisory Panel to which Chairman Cavacco said the Board will address the next Designee at their next meeting.

---

**7:59PM - OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS**

Selectman Bletzer said that via Facebook one of his constituents, Donna Eddy, brought up Cherry's Bait Shop a couple of time so he wondered what the status is with that. He said he would like an update because we had requested that they bring the building up to code, to which Derek Brindisi said yes, he will get an update and have it on an upcoming agenda.

Selectman Mahoney said his first stint on the Board was so different than it is now. He said it is now obvious that society itself changes so much. He said ten years ago we would be meeting at 11 Lincoln Street, and we had a press table and there would always be someone from the Old Colony Memorial. He said if we were discussing something like this racetrack there would be someone there from the Patriot Ledger, the Brockton Enterprise, the Boston Globe, and the Boston Herald along with WATD. He said all of this content is now online with a news outlet but also social media such as Facebook. He said he herd that there were plans to hire some type of Communication Officer which he would like to meet with the Town Manager about at some point. He said Facebook is a breeding ground for misinformation and confrontations and it is not easy, but we have to stay above the fray. He said this Board is the executive body is the face of the community. He said he thinks we need to communicate better with the public by stepping in and stating the facts and then get out. He said he is anxious to find more about in regard to this new position, to which Derek Brindisi said it is going to be a hybrid position of Chris Badot's current position with a heavy focus on communications. He said he feels we can do a better job of getting the facts out there. He said residents will be able to use our platform to fact-check what is going on in our community. He said this position will have an eye towards social media as well as PACtv and EDtv to have spots to highlight current events. He said he would also like to use press releases especially when there are good things happening to get the word out there. He said our departments and our staff do great work and we need to highlight that. He said we would like residents to know where their money is being spent and how it is being spent.

Vice Chairman Quintal asked if there were any dates yet for a tour and a walk-through of the Sandwich Road property and building so Town Meeting Members can have a look, to which Derek Brindisi said that the Finance Committee is meeting tomorrow and then he will reach out to Rick Vayo and try to set that up.

Chairman Cavacco said as the New Chairman she would like to make some changes to the agenda which the Chairman sets. She said she would like to have Public Comment be the first order of business and probably another Public Comment at the end of the meeting as well. She said she would also like to have a Selectmen's Open Forum or Discussion because she would like the Board to be able to have discussions about issues that have come up since the last meeting. She said this would be merely to get information out there because she doesn't think there would be any votes taken during this segment. She said historically the Board Members have not responded during Public Comment, but this would be the opportunity to discuss anything that comes up during the meeting.

Chairman Cavacco then said she will be working with the Town Manager to set up this newly formatted agenda and hopefully everyone will be comfortable with it and love it. She said if not then she said they will probably hear about it, and we can make any needed adjustments. She then reminded the Board that it is time for goal setting and then we can set up some kind of workshop so we can get together and discuss these goals and prioritize them.

Chairman Cavacco then wished everyone a safe and fun holiday weekend and said they would see everyone on June 7<sup>th</sup> at their next meeting.

---

**8:11PM - ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 8:10pm.

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

**Recorded by:** Christopher Badot

*Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen*