

# PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

REMOTE VIA ZOOM, PLYMOUTH, MA – 6:00 PM

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## 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.

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

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## 6:00PM – PUBLIC HEARING – American Legion

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 at the Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court Street on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00pm to consider the application for an Alteration of Premises from Plymouth Post #40 American Legion Inc, holder of an All Alcohol Club License, 199 Federal Furnace Road, Beth Lynch as Manager.

Description of premises is as follows: 60' x 120' structure. Main floor consists of function hall, bar area, member's room, restrooms, kitchen, walk-in cooler, and storage room. Basement with storage area. Applicant seeks to add the existing outdoor pavilion that is adjacent to the main building.

Chairman Quintal asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or in opposition to this Public Hearing, and no one did so he closed the Hearing and brought it back to the Board.

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by Patrick Flaherty, the Board voted to approve and Alteration of Premises for Plymouth Post #40 American Legion. *Voted 4/0*

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**6:05PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Mea Thai**

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 at the Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court Street on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:05pm to consider the application for a New Annual All Alcohol License from Mea Thai Cuisine LLC d/b/a Mea Thai Cuisine, 60 Court Street, Robert Ball as Manager.

Description of premises is as follows: One floor, 1200 square feet consisting of a dining room, storage area, and employee area with bathrooms, kitchen, storage area in the back. Two entrances and two exits. Outdoor dining area in the cordoned off parking spaces.

Selectman Bletzer asked if heh was taking over another restaurant, to which Robert Ball said no, they have been open for about eight months now but never had a liquor license so they thought they would add that to enhance their guests dining experience.

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and Alteration of Premises for Plymouth Post #40 American Legion. *Voted 4/0*

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**6:03PM – BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA – Moby Dick Council Land**

Lee Hartmann, Planning and Development Director, came on and said this is a request that comes from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. He then showed a map that indicated about 800 acres that is known as Camp Cachalot which is owned by the Moby Dick Council in New Bedford. He said in 1998 put a Conservation Restriction on this property which states it can be used for scouting and passive recreational purposes only. He said since then the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is seeking to acquire this land which is good because it means that this land will be protected for the Boy Scouts. He said it is surrounded by the State Forrest and Camp Squanto that also has a Conservation Restriction. He said it also abuts and includes property in Wareham as well. He said the law requires that before purchasing such property they have to give the Town a 120-day notice. He said they would like to get this done sooner than those 120 days, so they are asking two things tonight. He said the first is that they are asking you to acknowledge the fact that he was here tonight making you aware of this transaction, and the other is to vote to waive the 120-day notice period.

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to acknowledge Lee Hartmann's presentation and to further to reduce the 120-day notice period to a 30-day notice period. *Voted 4/0*

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**6:10PM – TOWN MEETING UPDATE – Legislation**

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager, came on and said Representative Mathew Muratore submitted a bill on behalf of the Town of Plymouth to file legislation for the ability to offer a hybrid Town Meeting. He said at this time the legislation has been filed and has been referred to the Committee but they have not heard it yet so there is no further action needed at this time.

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## **6:11PM – TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager, wanted to thank the Board and said this is his first official Select Board Meeting as Town Manager and said he appreciates the opportunity to be here.

### Chapter 90 Funds

Derek Brindisi said he sent out notice that Plymouth had received their Chapter 90 allocations and it is approximately \$1,600,000 this year. He said after talking with the DPW Director this is typical of what we receive every year. He said the State has extra funding this year so they are anticipating an amendment to this allocation, and he will update the Board.

### Staff Retirement

Derek Brindisi wanted to make everyone aware that Paul Vecchi from Inspectional Services is retiring after 36 years of service to Plymouth. He said tomorrow they will be holding a retirement ceremony from 9:00am to 11:00am and wanted to invite those members of the public that wish to attend and wish Mr. Paul Vecchi well.

### Weddings

Derek Brindisi said that the Town Clerk’s Office is now offering to perform weddings in the 1820 Courtroom which has been previously not allowed. He said they received a number of inquiries over the past few years to allow folks to hold their ceremonies in this room, so Lee Hartmann worked with the Clerk’s Office to set that policy and allow these weddings.

### Planning Board

Derek Brindisi said that the Planning Board has decided to move their meetings to Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the 1820 Courtroom. He said this will deconflict any issues that have raised with the Select Board meetings.

### Pavement Management Program

Derek Brindisi said that the DPW Director will be in and join us in an upcoming meeting to present their Pavement Management Program to the Board. He said they are planning on paving 32 roads during this upcoming season, and he would like the Board and public to know which roads will be paved and when they will be worked on.

### DPW Feasibility Study

Derek Brindisi said that DPW staff has been meeting with OPM to determine a phase ad approach to the potentially remodeled DPW Facility.

### Fire Department Study

Derek Brindisi said that the Fire Department had begun their study that was approved by Town Meeting that will review operations, policies, and procedures which will end up being a future roadmap for fire operations here in Plymouth. He said they are expecting this study to be completed within the next six months

### Holtec Structures

Derek Brindisi said that the Fire Department and Inspectional Services met over at the Holtec facility earlier today as there have been a number of structures that have been removed. He said our Public Safety Officials and Code Enforcement Officials continue to work with Holtec to ensure all safety measures are in place.

### Acting Town Manager

Derek Brindisi said he wanted to thank Lee Hartmann for assisting him in this slow transition as the Town Manager. He said he has been very helpful and supportive to him.

Derek Brindisi then said he would like everyone to know that his door is always open. He said anyone residents wishing to speak with him can always contact him through email at [dbrindisi@plyouth-ma.gov](mailto:dbrindisi@plyouth-ma.gov) and send him questions, comments, concerns, or any feedback. He said if anyone is in Town Hall, please feel free to stop by the office at any time.

Chairman Quintal said he would like to welcome Derek Brindisi to America's Hometown. He said he know that he has been very busy, and he has jumped right into the position and hit the road running and he thanked him for that.

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### **6:17PM – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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### **6:18PM – LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

On a motion by Patrick Flaherty and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve a Change of Officers for **Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC**. *Voted 4/0*

#### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Patrick Flaherty and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve and execute the April 2, 2022 Special Town Meeting Warrant. *Voted 4/0*

On a motion by Patrick Flaherty and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to recommend Article 12 (Chapter 90 Road Funds) to the April 2, 2022 Annual Spring Town Meeting. *Voted 4/0*

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### **6:19PM - COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

None

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### **6:20PM - OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Quintal said we had a letter come in from Mr. Gallerani regarding the smokestack at Cordage Park and he asked that we bring this up tonight. He said there are issues with the safety after an inspection and the Jannetty's would like to dismantle it. He said at the North Plymouth Steering Committee meeting it was voted to recommend dismantling the smokestack as well due to safety issues. He said there are some residents of Plymouth, including himself, that would like to take a closer loo and see if it can be preserved. He said they reached out to Bill Keohan from the Community Preservation Committee, and he suggested having some engineers look into this matter. He said there are four or five other communities that saved their smokestacks so he's hoping we can as well. He said Plymouth, as a town, cannot interfere as the smokestack is on private property.

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning and Development, came up and said if the CPC wants to have an independent review, then they can reach out to the Jannetty family as they are very cooperative and have worked with us on a number of projects. He said if the CPC has some funding, he would also be happy to reach out to the Jannetty's to see what can be done.

Lee Hartmann said that the smokestack is not something that the Jannetty's want to take down but at the moment it is a necessity. He also wanted to mention that we do have the demolition delay bylaw and in a case like this where you have documentation that states there is an immediate threat then that bylaw does not apply. He said the Historic District has also been notified of the demolition request so they will be looking for more information.

Chairman Quintal asked if we would be notified before the smokestack was taken down, to which Lee Hartmann said he will have a conversation with them tomorrow and make sure they know the Town would like to be notified.

Selectman Flaherty came on and wanted to welcome Derek Brindisi on being here fulltime and thanked Lee Hartmann for his hard work as the Acting Town Manager. He then said he had a couple of positive items that have been delayed that he would like to look into. He said the first is the Youth Commission which was approved at Town Meeting last fall. He said this is led by the Town Manager so now that you are here, he would love to get that up and running. He then mentioned the Climate Action Net Zero Committee and said he would also like to get this onto an upcoming agenda to discuss. He said it could also just be an administrative note to get these folks appointed so that we can set up the first meeting. He said he would also like to figure out which town staff would be supportive and interactive with this particular group.

Selectman Bletzer came on and said he also wanted to welcome and congratulate Derek Brindisi as the new Town Manager. He said he is excited to have him as our Town Manager and looks forward to working with him. He then said that a lot of residents have asked about the outdoor bathrooms at Town Hall. He asked Derek Brindisi to look into the hours of operation and to see if we could extend those hours as much as possible as they are really needed especially during the weekends when Town Hall is closed.

Chairman Quintal came on and said he would like to talk with the Finance Department and see what the rising cost of fuel is doing to all of the different budgets such as Public Safety and DPW as they have several vehicles on the roads every day. He said he would like to be proactive and make any adjustments now before there are any problems.

Chairman Quintal then talked about the zoning in place for Biotech and Pharmaceuticals, to which Lee Hartmann said we are a Biotech Community, and those uses are already allowed. He said we are certified with the State and special permits are not needed for those uses in the Industrial Park and Airport Districts.

Chairman Quintal then asked if we could get a map of where we are today so we can all take a peek at it and see what the process would be to allow those uses outside of those areas. He said if someone came in and wanted to set up a business outside of those zones what would happen, to which Lee Hartmann said that would take a vote of Town Meeting to approve any other locations that are not currently zoned for that use.

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## **6:28PM - ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 8:40pm.

*Voted 4/0 By Roll Call: Quintal-Yes, Flaherty-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Cavacco-Absent*

**Recorded by:** Christopher Badot

*Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen*