

PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

GREAT HALL, 26 COURT STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA
HYBRID REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM, PLYMOUTH, MA – 5:30 PM

5:30PM - CALL TO ORDER

Betty Cavacco, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: Betty Cavacco, Chairman
Richard Quintal, Vice Chairman
Harry Helm
Charlie Bletzer
John Mahoney

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager
Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager

5:30PM – 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 if the chair so declares. Following Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in open session.

❖ Hedges Pond Road Intersection

6:05PM – BACK TO OPEN SESSION

Chairman Cavacco said that the Board has been in Executive Session conducting business since 5:30pm. She then said that the first order of business in Open Session was an Award Presentation by Massachusetts State Representative Mathew Muratore.

6:06PM – COMMONWEALTH HEROINE AWARDS PRESENTATION

Representative Mathew Muratore came up and thanked the Board for allowing him to present this special award and for putting him at the top of the agenda. He then congratulated Selectman Bletzer and Selectman Mahoney for their wins and welcomed them back onto the Select Board. He then congratulated Chairman Cavacco for being the first woman chair since Alba Thompson. He then said it is fitting that we are here tonight to honor another heroine here in Plymouth. He said the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women has been around since 1998 and every year they honor a person that has been nominated by their community. He said there were 116 nominated this year and our own Peg Page was nominated here in Plymouth. He said the MCSW is an organization run by women for women and they highlight the spirits of women and the unsung heroines in our communities. He said Peg Page was our nominee from Plymouth and she has been a volunteer for the Plymouth Center for the Arts and eight years later she became the volunteer president. He said she leads an organization of 600 members and 100 volunteers offering art classes year-round with galleries open free to the public. He said Peg Page has also been at the helm throughout a multi-year renovation that transforms this to an ADA accessible building. He said she applied her tremendous spirit and interpersonal skills to spearhead the two-million-dollar capital campaign that made this all possible. He said Peg Page reminds everyone that the Plymouth Center for the Arts is the community art center. He said she interfaces with the community, peer organizations, and local and state leaders fostering the belief that cultural experiences with art are essential to vibrant and healthy communities. He then said on behalf of the Commonwealth and the House of Representatives he would like to present a Citation; Be it hereby known that all the Massachusetts House of Representatives offers sincerest congratulations to Margaret Page in recognition of receiving the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2022 Commonwealth Heroine Award for her many years of extraordinary leadership and efforts as a Volunteer President of the Plymouth Center for the Arts ensuring culture and arts continue to be part of our vibrant community and accessible to all. We extend our very best wishes and expresses the hope for good fortune and continued success in all endeavors, given this 22nd day of June 2022. He said it is signed by the Speaker of the House Ron Mariano and me, State Representative Mathew Muratore. He then congratulated her and asked her to say a few words.

Pag Page came up and thanked everyone and said she was very humbled by this award. She said she spoke to people at the award banquet, and they all agreed that they do not do this by themselves. She said one of the Board members, Kathy Dunn, accused her of having a velvet hammer so she will take that as a compliment. She said she has lived in Plymouth since 1979 and really loves it here. She said people think that the Community Art Center is simply art on the walls, but it is really a way for so many people to connect. She said during covid they never stopped but when they came back from being fully virtual it was amazing to see how people had so much energy, life, and enthusiasm in this community. She then said when they went to Town Meeting for the grant money from the CPC for all of their improvements, she went to all of the Precinct Caucuses, and it dawned on her that all of the Town Meeting Members and the Select Board Members are also volunteers and that amazes her. She said she is honored to be getting this award and she hopes that she can continue to live up to it.

Mathew Muratore congratulated Peg Page once again and thanked the Select Board for allowing him to come in every year to present this award. He said he agreed we have some pretty amazing volunteers in this community and with all of the people nominated for this award it is always difficult to choose. He said he looks forward to next year.

6:12PM – NO PLACE FOR HATE COMMITTEE

Vedna Heywood came on via zoom webinar and introduced herself as the Chair of the Plymouth No Place for Hate Committee and thanked the Board for having them in tonight to present their Outstanding Citizenship Awards. She said this award is different from other scholarships offered throughout the high schools. She said recipients do not have to be seniors nor do they have to be college bound. She said they do have to be active in their community and make a difference in ways that are consistent with our committee's mission which is described on our website. She said the specific eligibility requirements is that they must be a student which in the opinion of the committee has shown commitment to social justice by challenging discrimination or bias and/or who actively works to celebrate diversity or to protect the civil rights of all people in our community. She said tonight we honor three amazing women. She said her fellow committee member, Susan Moore, will tell you more about the first one.

Susan Moore came up and she would like to introduce everyone to their first Citizenship Award recipient, Brook Holmes from Plymouth North High School. She said among her many activities she is a member of the Plymouth North Equity and Justice Committee whose goal is to provide a safe environment for students to voice concerns about injustices, experiences in school from faculty or peers. She said a key part of this for Brook was helping others advocate for themselves. She said for the past two years Brook has been the Plymouth North High School representative to the Plymouth No Place for Hate Committee. She said she has worked on the committee's social media posts and has helped to plan and bring to fruition the MLK Breakfast, Transgender Day of Remembrance, and other events. She said her passion and participation on these projects have been an inspiration to everyone. She said Brook also runs the Plymouth North High School Intergenerational Debate Club in conjunction with the Center for Active Living. She said twice a month she and the other members discuss current events with our town seniors and believes that both students and seniors gain from hearing each other's opinions. She said students benefit from hearing historical context and lived experiences from seniors, while seniors benefit from interaction with new ideas from students. She said in her spare time Brook is a member of the National Honor Society, the Amnesty International Club, and the Environmental Club. She said according to Ms. Megan White, Brook's Guidance Counselor, Brook prides herself in wanting to make a change in the world, and to make it a more welcoming, equal, safe, and peaceful place. She said she currently has an interest in majoring in political science and/or international relations in college with a possible career goal of Government Service. She said that Brook will be attending George Washington University. She said when asked what motivates her in her activism Brook responded, with everything going on in the world it is important to begin change at the local level where action can directly benefit people. She said activism and community outreach can make people's lives a bit brighter knowing that someone is there to provide support. Susan Moore then said she and the committee are very pleased to recognize Brook Holmes as an outstanding citizen.

Betsy Connell came up next and said she is please to share that their second recipient of our Outstanding Citizenship Award is Niamh Doyle who is a 2022 graduate of the Rising Tide Public Charter School. She said her college and future planning counselor, Isabella Trauttmansdorff, said that Niamh is bright, thoughtful, passionate, and caring, and has contributed many ideas to support the inclusion and representation of various groups in the school community. She said her teachers describe her as highly engaged and really wanting to think about and celebrate other cultures.

Betsy Connell then said in courses where she has been able to choose research projects, Niamh's focus tends towards the representation of groups from the immigrant experience to representation of race and sexuality in film. She said Niamh was one of the key founding members of Riding Tides Diversity, Belonging, Inclusion, and Equity Working Group to which she has given her persistent participation and attention. She said in this Working Group they have worked to create a welcoming and safe environment for people of all backgrounds. She said they also started a school mural with smaller art pieces from students and created a cultural calendar which highlights different holidays and events from different cultures, religions, etc. She said Niamh was also actively involved in the Language Club, Model United Nations, and Student Government. She said all of her activities and many of her elected courses have this distinct focus of culture, representation, and voice. She said Niamh states that her favorite areas of study have been International Relations, Philosophy, and English. She said this fall Niamh will be heading to Suffolk University where she plans to major in History. She said when asked what inspires her activism, Niamh responded, "I found a lot of motivation through educating myself about the communities around me. In school I have researched and written about the issues many minorities face, both today and in the past and it has pushed me to further my activism and voice her opinion on a range of topics with the passion and knowledge needed to do so". She said the Plymouth No Place for Hate Committee is very pleased to recognize Niamh Doyle as an Outstanding Citizen.

Barbara Aharoni came up and said she would like to introduce everyone to their final Outstanding Citizenship Award, Yuna Yi. She said Yuna is a rising senior at Plymouth North High School and is a former English learner who, in order to make Plymouth North High School a more welcoming and inclusive place for current English learners, recently found a club called Friends Without Borders. She said her vision was to create a space where students could not only learn about each other's cultures but more importantly become friends. She said that as a former English learner she felt alienated from a very young age and didn't want others to have that same experience. She said Yuna's work on inclusion goes well beyond Plymouth's borders as she has enrolled in a virtual internship with other young people around the country collaborating on ways to stop Asian-American and Pacific Islander hate. She said Yuna has always talked about social injustices issues such as racism, but this was a hands-on opportunity to lead and make change. She said Yuna has tutored students internationally in English through virtual peer tutoring agencies with the goal of promoting equity by bridging the access to education gap. She said Yuna has recently started a local chapter of the organization Dear Asian Youth which promotes intersectional activism, solidarity, and other marginalizes communities in equality. She said Yuna is a member of the Plymouth North High School Equity and Justice Committee and was also chosen to speak at a Plymouth North High School Faculty Meeting earlier this year. She said according to her advisor, he said Yuna along with her peers spoke about her personal experiences of being an Asian-American at our school. She said many teachers said that hearing the challenges that these students have faced at school was the most powerful experience they have ever had at a Staff Meeting. She said Yuna is a strong, committed force for good in our community. She then said they are very pleased to recognize Yuna Yi as our final recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award here tonight. The Board then got up and took pictures with the three Outstanding Citizenship Award recipients.

Chairman Cavacco said she was very proud of them all and on behalf of the entire Select Board, Town Management, and the residents of Plymouth she would like to congratulate them on their work and for making our community a better place

6:24PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Aquaculture Licenses

Chairman Cavacco said we have Aquaculture Licenses for approval for Sean Withington, Michael Withington, and Donald Wilkinson. She then asked the Harbor Master for his comments on these licenses.

Chad Hunter came up and said these three gentlemen approached the Town back in 2009 and had mussel dredging licenses from the late 80's that they wanted to re-establish and start growing oysters. He said he had just taken over as Harbor Master and thought this was an interesting topic. He said they looked at Duxbury just north of us and they were thriving in that industry at the time, so we started with the Select Board and got these three gentlemen their Aquaculture licenses. He said they then started the arduous process of creating regulations and then there was a tremendous amount of interest for additional licenses. He said these three guys are the pioneers of Aquaculture here in Plymouth, so he highly recommends all three of these licenses for the Board's approval.

Michael Withington came up and thanked the Board for all of their hard work and just wanted to ask for their support with this request. He said they appreciate Chad Hunter's support, and they hope to continue putting Plymouth on the map as far as Aquaculture growing is concerned. He thanked the Board again for this opportunity.

Selectman Mahoney asked if the farming was any easier than it was back when they started, to which Michael Withington said that it is more regulated now and that is part of the safety aspect. He said any assistance that you can give a farmer would be greatly appreciated.

Chairman Cavacco said we have a great Harbor Committee that is very supportive of not only Aquaculture but other activities in the Harbor. She said they have recently added Charter Boat Row where our fishing charters can back in, and the public can see what they are doing. She said we have two big charters this weekend and all twelve of the people on those charters ate at our restaurants so it's a great addition to the waterfront. She then said as a Selectman she looks forward to supporting things like this in Plymouth Harbor.

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to approve the Aquaculture License Renewals for Sean Withington, Michael Withington, and Donald Wilkinson for a ten (10) year term. *Voted 5/0*

6:32PM – BROOK ROAD BRIDGE

Jonathan Beder came up and thanked the Board for having and said it is great to be back in-person as it has been a long time. He said they are here to give a brief presentation and update on the Brook Road Bridge and what they would now like to do with that project. He said we have our Town Engineer here along with Contractor and Designer as well. He said since October's Town Meeting they have been diligently working on a re-design based on the feedback we got from residents, Town Meeting Members, Advisory and Finance, and the Select Board as Road Commissioners. He said our Designers and Contractors have done a really nice job as far as looking at the situation and taking all of the suggestions that were given. He said there is information on the website if anyone is interested after the meeting.

Paul Berthiaume came up and said he was with Howard Stein Hudson which is an Engineering and Planning firm. He said he is the Manager of Structural Engineering and Colin Costello is here via Zoom and he is a Senior Structural Engineer and has been assisting him with this particular project.

Paul Berthiaume began the presentation by saying the existing bridge is a thirteen-foot span and the width is about seventeen feet. He said it has eight concrete encased steel beams in a 7.5-inch-thick deck. He said there is roughly 3 inches of pavement currently on the deck and a six-inch diameter water line under the guardrails. He then talked about the current condition and said the exterior beams have significant deterioration which is why the bridge is closed as it has zero capacity. He said this bridge was constructed in 1926 and even though it is deemed unsafe the deck is in fairly good shape. He said the interior beams look pretty good for their age but all in all the bridge is still a major safety concern. He then talked about how they would preserve this bridge by cutting off the deck and getting rid of the exterior beams and save all of the interior beams and strengthen them with cover plates. He said they would then add new exterior beams to today's standards and cast a new deck. He said they would also add new guardrails, new waterlines, and new pavement on top of the deck. He said the bridge would be reposted with weight limits, but it would be much improved and could handle any average vehicle that would be using Brook Road. He then said if this is approved it will take the rest of the summer to design the replacement beams and submit to MassDOT for a Chapter 85 Design Review. He said we would probably have a round of comments with them and then we would put a bid package together for the Town. We anticipate the bidding take place over the winter and the winning contractor would begin to mobilize in the spring and start work in April of next year. He said the construction process would take anywhere from eight to ten weeks to complete. He said once it is completed MassDOT would want to inspect the bridge to make sure the repairs were done properly before opening the bridge to traffic which should be this time next year. He then talked about the cost saying that the balance of the design work they are estimating to be about \$30,000. He said the construction services which would consist of an onsite engineer would cost about \$60,000 total. He then said the actual construction costs would be about \$120,000 which would bring the project cost of about \$210,000 in total. He then said he would be happy to answer any questions from the Board or the general public.

Chairman Cavacco said she likes the project cost more than the \$2,500,000 cost of the previous plans for that bridge. She said she also likes the fact that the size can pretty much remain the same, so it fits in with the neighborhood better.

Jonathan Beder said we have a MassDOT grant that started off at \$500,000 and we have a little over with a balance of about \$300,000 right now so these funds could be used to complete this project so nothing will need to be raised and appropriated. He said he feels that Paul Berthiaume did a great job with the design and integrating everything that they have already done. He said what they did this time was actually core the bridge which is cutting the beams to see what they looked like inside which is the key difference the second time around. He said after that they could have opened the bridge to restricted traffic but decided to keep it closed and rebuild the bridge. He said the contractor will cut the two external beams and replace them so the bridge will stay the same width and be repaved. He said they would also like to replace the guardrails with steel backed wood which would look nice, but we would have to get that approved during the MassDOT design review. He said recently MassDOT has been extremely rigid with their review of guardrails so we will have to wait and see what they approve. He then said that rebuilding the existing bridge will not be a project that lasts one hundred years but rather between twenty and fifty years at best at which point the bridge will need to be replaced as this work only buys us time. He then said they will do everything they can to move this project along as they do not want to leave the bridge closed any longer than necessary but given the everything involved such as pricing and availability it probably will not begin until after this winter going into early spring.

Selectman Mahoney said he wanted to be clear; if this repair work is done, we will have a life expectancy of twenty to fifty years, to which Jonathan Beder said yes, but closer to twenty years realistically.

Selectman Mahoney then asked if there were any public restrictions and asked if any vehicle would be able to drive over that bridge, to which Jonathan Beder said that is correct.

Paul Berthiaume said it will be load posted for vehicles. He said we were asked to make sure it would support trash trucks, school buses, and fire trucks which the bridge will once this work is complete. He said again, it will be load posted to keep loaded triaxle dump trucks from crossing over that bridge as well as shorter axle trucks.

Selectman Mahoney asked what type of maintenance requirements will be in place, to which Paul Berthiaume said once MassDOT does their initial inspection they will come out every two years to inspect the bridge and as long as it is looking good then it can stay open.

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry helm, the Board voted to approve the Design Concept for the Brook Road Bridge. *Voted 5/0*

6:45PM – PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Serkey came up and said he wanted to make a one sentence cautionary reminder about the committee appointments that the Board is about to make. He said if the appointments are not based on the relative merits of the applicants, as they should be, but are instead based on a desire to wreak political revenge on your critics, or simply to reward political friends, as they should not be, you will bring disrepute on the Select Board, to which Chairman Cavacco said she thinks they can make these appointments without your concern. She said that is certainly not the way this Board does business, so she actually takes offense to that comment.

6:47PM – COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Cedarville Steering Committee

Jodie Burkett – She came up and said she is looking to be re-appointed to the Cedarville Steering Committee. She said she has proudly served on this committee for the past three years and has never missed a meeting. She said she finds it very rewarding to vote on decisions that affect her community. She said she has lived in Cedarville her entire life and feels as though she has a valuable insight into our community that would benefit our villagers. She said it would be a privilege to be re-appointed to this committee again.

Pat Adelman – She came up and said that she is seeking a seat on the Cedarville Steering Committee. She said she lived in Plymouth since 1977 and the center of Cedarville was called Bruno's Corner. She said she has served on the School Committee, the Building Committee, and the Capital Outlay Committee so she thinks she has experience behind her. She said she has seen the growth in Cedarville, and she is amazed at how vibrant the community is and there is still more development coming on Hedges Pond Road. She said Hedges Pond Road development has been nice and has brought some nice businesses to the area where there was just a gravel pit. She said she would like to serve on this committee so that she can help with all of the problems that this progress has shown us. She said her goal is to improve the standard of living while maintaining economic growth in order to sustain governmental service in our town.

Pat Adelman finished by saying it would be an honor to serve on the Cedarville Steering Committee and that she would diligently serve on this committee.

Chairman Cavacco then said there is one seat to fill and there are two candidates. She said she will call the name of each candidate and asked the Board to raise their hand for their choice to fill the open seat. The results were as follows:

Jodie Burkett - 4 Votes (Cavacco, Quintal, Helm, Bletzer)

Pat Adelman - 1 Vote (Mahoney)

On a vote of 4/1 the Board voted to appoint Jodie Burkett to the Cedarville Steering Committee for a term beginning immediately and terminating on June 30, 2025.

Conservation Commission

Chairman Cavacco said we have four full seats of which two are three-year terms, one is a two-year term, and one is a one-year term. She said we will hear from each of the candidates here tonight and then she will ask for a vote for each of the four open seats.

Bruce Howard – Bruce Howard came on remotely and said he lives at 735 Long Pond Road. He said he understands that conservation is a fine line between protecting Plymouth's natural resources and enabling property owners to enjoy those resources that their property and the town has to offer. He said he strives to maintain that balance very Tuesday night at their meetings. He said caring about the ponds, streams, coastal banks, and aquifer is central to the mission of our Conservation Commission. He said every project involves work near a sensitive resource area and every applicant challenges the Commission to respect their rights to live next to these resources while ensuring their protection. He said being on the Commission is hard work and every week he reviews the upcoming projects, discuss them with our Planner, and visits each site. He said he truly believes that every Commissioner must evaluate every project on its own merits while holding projects to compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act in Plymouth. He said as Commission Chair, he works to allow everyone to speak and make a point of having each of the Commissioners make each and every decision and his role is to facilitate the meetings and facilitate the discussions. He said he has learned a great deal while on the Commission and has benefitted from the experience and expertise of my fellow Commissioners and have learned much from our Planner. He said he has completed the MACC Fundamental Courses and hope that every new Commissioner will do the same. He said the Commission continues to have a full agenda every week and conducting these hearings is their primary purpose. He said he hopes that the Select Board appreciates the efforts he has put forth while serving on the Commission and he would be grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve.

David Holton – David Holton came up and said he grew up in Plymouth and spent his entire career working for a large multi-national company called the Marriot in a senior executive role to bring resorts to very environmentally sensitive locations around the world. He said his personal time has become more available and he would like to use that time helping Plymouth because he loves it here. He also said he cares very deeply about the preservation of the town and its environment. He said he believes that developing public areas for recreation and access should be focused on balancing responsible growth. He said there needs to be balance between new development and nature. He said he has done just that during his career by following policies and best practices. He said he has been extremely successful in his career, and he would like to bring his talents to Plymouth. He then said he respectfully asks the Board for their support and thanked them for this opportunity.

Selectman Mahoney asked if his primary residence was Plymouth, to which David Holton said no, it is not just yet, but he is in the process of developing a new home here in Plymouth. He said he currently lives in Plymouth for about 5 ½ months per year.

Selectman Mahoney then asked if his new home was on the mainland or if it was on a barrier beach, to which David Holton said his main residence will be on Long Beach here in Plymouth.

Selectman Mahoney said he received an email from the Town Manager in regard to a potential construction project that you are going to undertake partially on town owned property on Long Beach which sent up a red flag for him. He then asked him what prompted him to seek appointment to the Conservation Commission, to which David Holton said when he started working with the Conservation Commission on this project, he really enjoyed the process. He said he finds the Commission to be very well run but he noticed when he saw some of the things that were happening, he saw it was hard work to do the research on some of these requests where the environment and humans co-exist. He said he has done this all of his life and he would naturally abstain from any decisions on his own property and project.

Selectman Mahoney said he appreciates his candor because interviewing people at the podium doesn't always give us an idea of what motivates them to seek these seats. He then said, having said this, he would hesitate on voting for you until this project is complete.

Sean Anderson – Sean Anderson came up and said he has lived in Plymouth since 2008 after moving home after active duty in the Air Force. He said he is now looking for a way to serve his community. He said he has had several projects at his own residence that are all complete. He said he had a violation because he had no idea what Conservation was, but he worked through the process and learned more about it, and it worked out great. He said he has learned a lot through the process and thought now would be a good time to offer to serve. He said any personal bias that he had before would never come forward on the Commission. He said he is of the mindset that rather than tell someone no, he would rather help people get to a point where they could say yes. He said he wants to help our residents get to a yes and then thanked the Board for this opportunity.

Selectman Mahoney asked if his primary residence was Plymouth and then asked what motivated him to apply, to which Sean Anderson said yes, Plymouth is his primary residence. He then said that he became interested when he went through some of his own projects and has wanted to do this for years. He said now that his Air Force career is coming to an end, he said he will have the free time, so the timing is perfect. He said he served the Nation for twenty-four years and now he wants to do something for his town.

Steve Bjorklund – Steve Bjorklund came up and said his primary residence is not in Plymouth, but he is a property owner out on Saquish. He said he is in the process of building a summer home out there and what prompted him to run for this seat is that he went through a very long process to get approvals out on Saquish. He said it was a very difficult process and he even had permits revoked after he had already received them from the Commission. He said he did file appeals through the State and was successful obtaining the permits that were necessary for him to begin construction. He said his expertise is that he spent almost forty years developing a wetlands protection act and local rules and regulations. He said he has worked with the Conservation Commission diligently for the past four years to rewrite their rules and regulations and he has tremendous concerns about these local rules and regulations. He said he would like to continue to work with them so Plymouth has the best set of regulations to protect wetlands but that also make it possible for residents to use their property for their various projects.

Steve Bjorklund then said this is his background and he really wants to help Plymouth with this task because he has spent more time working on the rules and regulations than anyone other than the current Commission Members. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Paul Churchill – Paul Churchill came up and thanked the Board for the opportunity tonight. He said he is a long time Plymouth resident and has been a taxpayer his whole adult life. He said he has never served on any Board for the town and feels like this is a good time to start. He said he would like the challenge of adhering to the state regulations while helping out the taxpayers in Plymouth at the same time. He said he feels as though many taxpayers don't get a fair shake and he feels that the rules should be adhered to by everyone on an equal playing field, but he feels that is not being done. He said he owns a business in Plymouth with thirty employees who live in Plymouth. He said he does not have much experience with conservation, but he feels he can consult those that do as he is a problem-solver. He feels as though he can be fair and equitable, and he would appreciate the Board's consideration.

Randy Parker – Randy Parker came on and said he lives in Manomet. He said he thinks Town Meeting has made it clear that it wants nothing to do with wetlands and regulations. He said with the lack of checks and balances we turn to the Board as the appointing authority to help us address parity from within. He said he brings decades of experience working with wetland rules and regulations. He said he knows the Town, he can read a plan, and he wishes to offer his services to the Conservation Commission. He said external efforts to strike a reasonable balance on local wetland regulations have been fruitless to date. He said if we cannot change things externally, then we need to try an internal approach and he remains willing. He said it is his understanding that the resignation of David McCarthy leaves a two-year seat. He said though he is not picky, it makes sense for him to look toward that shorter term. He said he is hopeful it won't take that long to strike a new balance on the Commission and with regulations that we can live with. He said he notes that as a licensed professional offering his resources to the town, though without compensation, state ethics informs us that Designated Special Municipal Employee status ought to be voted by the Select Board for he and any other engineer, land surveyor, architect, etc., sitting on any Board or Committee. He said he also notes that he appears before the Commission occasionally and will farm out clients, recuse himself as necessary, and look to diversify business activities away from local environmental submissions. He said he has the best interests of Plymouth at heart in seeking this appointment and that there is no individual benefit but more likely aggravation. He said he is well enough to help, and still wants to. He then thanked the Board.

Jamie Carpenter – Jamie Carpenter came up and said he was born in 1974 and has lived here ever since. He said he is a general contractor and hold a septic and solids license and has been a Harbor Committee Member for roughly twenty years. He said he has built a lot of houses within the buffer zone and has worked with the Conservation Commission on plenty of other different occasions. He said he is familiar with the staff and the process and believes that he can be a help with his technical abilities.

The Board voted to appoint the following members to the Conservation Committee:

Sean Andersen – 3 Year Term terminating on June 30, 2025

Paul Churchill – 3 Year Term terminating on June 30, 2025

Randy Parker – 2 Year Term terminating on June 30, 2024

Jamie Carpenter – 1 Year Term terminating on June 30, 2023

Community Preservation Committee

Christine Pratt – Christine Pratt came up and said she has a longstanding commitment to the guiding principles of the Community Preservation Committee and its Charter including Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation, and Open Space. She said she was the only committee member to strongly advocate for a broader view on the purchase of Sandwich Road purchase of 26 acres of land because she believed it would bring a greater benefit to the community as a whole. She said she felt the Select Board’s vision was strategic and deserved the support of the CPC. She said she also made a strong commitment to seeing the approved articles of the legislative branch be successful as is evidenced by her volunteerism at the Simes House. She said she is a lifelong resident in North Plymouth which she feels is pretty much built out which she would like to reflect on for the community as a whole. She said she does believe that as the community evolves so should the guiding principles and the criteria for the CPC. She said there are occasions where she will introduce a consideration to her fellow committee members that don’t fit strictly with the criteria of the CPC. She said she also tends to focus on financial compliance which is why she has held the treasurer’s seat on committees in the past. She said she respectfully asked the Board for their continued endorsement and re-appoint her to the Community Preservation Committee.

Karen Buechs – Karen Buechs came up and said she is applying for a seat on the Community Preservation Committee, and she thanked the Board for the opportunity. She said she has no agenda other than to help her town and has sat on many committees. She said she admires and appreciates what the CPC does and have watched them for almost twenty years. She said she did not vote for them the very first time when she was a Town Meeting Member, but Paul Withington took the time and sat down with her and explained what the CPA tax was all about and the good that it could bring the town, so she changed her mind. She said she has lived in Plymouth for almost fifty years and has volunteered many times on many different boards and committees and would appreciate this Board’s support.

Christine Pratt - 1 Vote (Mahoney)

Karen Buechs - 4 Votes (Cavacco, Quintal, Helm, Bletzer)

On a vote of 4/1 the Board voted to appoint Karen Buechs to the Community Preservation Committee for a term beginning immediately and terminating on June 30, 2025.

Historic District

Chairman Cavacco said we have two full seats, and both are three-year terms. She then asked the applicants to come up to the podium one at a time.

Ron Filson – Ron Filson came up first and said he hopes that the Board took a look at the biography he sent in because he won’t waste everyone’s time going through it again. He said starting about twenty years ago he and his wife, Lee Filson, were traveling back and forth to Plymouth from Ohio and New Orleans and over the years they fell in love with Plymouth. He said a few years ago they bought a house on Leyden Street which they renovated. He said now they have the opportunity to do something for their new community. He said he has had the opportunity to serve on a number of historic commission and boards including one in New Orleans which was the first preservation commission that was ever formed in the country. He said he also sat on the City Planning Commission as well. He said he is currently a retired teacher of forty years is currently the Project Manager for the Mayflower Meeting House. He then said that they both really love it here and would love to serve the town because it is such a great place. He then thanked the Board for considering him for one of the seats on the Historic District.

Selectman Helm asked what he thought our current Historic District was doing right and what he feels needs improvement, to which Ron Filson said first and foremost is for them to consider expanding the historic district. He said it is ironic that two of the oldest structures in the country are outside of our historic district. He said he also feels there needs to be better quality design discussions and decisions made within the district. He said we have all looked at new projects in the district and asked ourselves how did they get approved. He said there should be more opportunities to set new development guidelines that the Historic Commission could take on as far as design review goes.

Vice Chairman Quintal asked how he felt about Water Street and how that has changed over the years and if you were appointed would you work towards making changes and expanding the district, to which Ron Filson said Water Street is a tough issue and he likens it to discussion he had in New Orleans because the pressure of tourism-oriented businesses often ends up impacting historic areas. He said there's a very delicate balance in that situation, so he feels that Water Street warrants a lot of discussion moving forward.

Walter Powell – Walter Powell came up next and said he is a resident of North Plymouth. He said before moving here he lived in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for thirty-five years and served as the Director of Planning and Historic Preservation for seventeen years. He said he also worked with the Historic Architectural Review Board as a staff liaison to Counsel and the Select Board along with property owners, so he saw both ends of the spectrum. He said one of the biggest challenges was trying to strike that balance between the property owner's application and applying the regulations to that application. He then said that he agrees that we would need to look at expansion here in Plymouth which he did three times in Gettysburg and the area was much smaller than Plymouth. He said they had the same issues such as the pressure and need for commercial development yet trying to preserve the historic fabric of that community. He said he has served as an alternate on the Historic District for a year and witnessed what he felt could be improved while dealing with the homeowners. He feels that the board should be more responsive to the guidelines that are in place. He also thinks we should know as much as we can about the historic relevance of the property at the time of the meeting with the property owners as well. He said it would be an honor to serve again and especially and honor to serve with Ron Filson.

Richard Stefani – Richard Stefani came up and said he has been a lifelong resident of Plymouth. He said he is a licensed contractor and has been renovating homes between Plymouth and Middleboro for the last forty years. He said they do all types of renovations on house dating back to the 1800's and 1900's and they are finding that the board right now has a very restrictive guidelines in many cases. He said there are so many new products that are cheaper and more efficient that they could use but are being denied. He said pine boards, clapboard, and shingles are not holding up very long especially being along the coast so we need them to look at products that can pass the criteria for the Historic District but las a long time in this New England weather conditions. He said the old Isaacs building is a prime example as it is run down looking and needs to be updated with better materials. He says he agrees with the district being expanded to an extent but also said there needs to be more flexibility and consistency so that everybody in the district has a fair shake. He said architects need to know what are the acceptable products that they can use. He said if we are working on a house from the 1600 or 1700's then he agrees we need to keep with the original craftsmanship but if we are working on newer buildings, we need to work towards a happy medium with a cost approach that people can afford. He repeated that there is a fine balance between giving the resident what they want as far as their home goes and keeping with the look that the Historical District thinks we should maintain.

Selectman Bletzer asked if he felt that the Historic Commission should work with the Plymouth Building Department more, to which Richard Stefani said absolutely because we have to pass the local fire codes as well.

Chairman Cavacco then asked the Board to vote for two of the applicants to fill two full seats each being three-year terms and they voted as follows:

Ron Filson - 5 Votes (Unanimous)

Walter Powell - 1 Vote (Mahoney)

Richard Stefani – 4 Votes (Cavacco, Quintal, Helm, Bletzer)

On a vote of 5/0 the Board voted to appoint Ron Filson to the Historic District for a term beginning immediately and terminating on June 30, 2025.

On a vote of 4/1 the Board voted to appoint Richard Stefani to the Historic District for a term beginning immediately and terminating on June 30, 2025.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Chairman Cavacco said we have one full seat that is a three-year term and two Alternate Seats that are three-year terms as well. She then asked the applicants to come up to the podium one at a time.

Peter Connor – Peter Connor was not present at the meeting.

Philip Ricardi – Philip Ricardi came up and said he is currently serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate and is requesting to continue for the next three years. He said he works in design construction as well as permitting so he has the experience needed to fulfill this position. He said before moving to Plymouth a few years ago he lived in Plymouth and served on their Zoning Board of Appeals for two full terms. He said he enjoys working on boards and helping out the town. He said he looks forward to every meeting and he hope that the Select Board re-appoints him tonight.

Selectman Helm said besides your experience in town government what aspect of that experience is particularly relevant to serving on this board, to which Philip Ricardi said he has a degree in civil engineering and has worked with developers most of his career on commercial projects. He said he has also worked with Zoning Boards and Planning Board as well as Historical Districts all over New England and New York City.

Bill Keohan – Bill Keohan came up and said he is a lifelong resident of Plymouth and has been involved with the planning process for the Town of Plymouth for twenty-two years now. He said he has great appreciation of the growth and development here in Plymouth and he wants to participate in that process. He said he began to be active in Plymouth on the Community Preservation Committee and has been active on the Planning Board at times. He said these positions have given him insight to the planning process in Plymouth and he has dedicated a great deal of time to the idea of preservation. He said he supports preservation and development in Plymouth but at the same time he is sensitive to his responsibilities on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said he has had the pleasure of serving on the ZBA for a number of years and he has grown to understand that you have to be accommodating when you can be based on the zoning bylaws of this town. He said people come to the ZBA looking for relief from the bylaws, but you have to be very sensitive to understanding the questions that are being asked and you have to be careful with your determinations because if a petitioner does not like your determination, they can take it to a higher level which is land court. He said cases can be remanded back to Plymouth at a great cost.

Bill Keohan said these cases can be painful because you put so much time into pouring through the bylaws and your determination can be overturned sometimes. He said he still has enjoyed serving the town and hopes that the Board will continue to support him in this endeavor and re-appoint him to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Butch Machado – Butch Machado came up and said some people may remember him and some may not because he has been out of the local political scene for some time now. He said he is currently not as active as he has been in the Masons and the Shriners anymore and would like to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said he thinks everyone does a good job but sometimes a change can be good. He said he also believes that everybody has the best interests of Plymouth at heart whenever they serve the community but sometimes change is good and a positive thing. He said it's good to have a new set of eyes and ears along with the staff that can help you with following the bylaws. He said he is sure that he has the ability to learn and get the job done. He said the primary job is to provide zoning relief to the taxpayers and businesses and the ZBA is there to help them.

The Board voted to appoint the following members to the Conservation Committee:

Butch Machado – Full Seat 3 Year Term terminating on June 30, 2025

Peter Connor – Alternate Seat 3 Year Term terminating on June 30, 2025

Philip Ricardi – Alternate Seat 3 Year Term terminating on June 30, 2025

Chairman Cavacco thanked everyone for applying and for serving the town. She said she supports change and is pleased to have many new members on our boards and committees.

7:55PM – PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Levinson came up and thanked the Board for allowing them to speak tonight. She said she lives at 244 Summer Street and has for the past seventeen years, and she moved here to be near Morton Park. She said on any given weekend when the sun is shining during the summer there are issues at the park that the town has dealt with for years without a resolution. She said two years ago the town decided to limit the number of cars that could go into the park but that has not worked. She said this also banished Plymouth residents to the two side beaches and keeps them out of the park as well. She said all this did was create new problems in new locations. She said when the parking lot is full which happens quickly, people are now parking on Summer Street and walking into the park. She said they are parking on our land and our lawns as well. She said another problem is people are being dropped off in droves at the park entrance and are flying down Morton Park Road and walking through private property which is a liability and cause for concern. She said they are also speeding down Morton Park Road where the speed limit is posted at 15 miles per hour. She said these people should not be speeding, parking on private property, or using our yards as a toilet. She said people have witnessed visitors urinating in people's yards and someone actual caught someone urinating on their garage. She said the loophole has been discovered with limiting the vehicle and this is no longer a good solution. She said it is clear that this is not a vehicle problem but rather a people problem. She said she urges the Board members to visit the park on any given Saturday or Sunday and witness the overcrowding, loud music, coolers, and hammocks. She said she feels like she doesn't belong, but she lives there. She said her children are teenagers and she will not let them go to the park without her there with them. She said she pays taxes to be able to go to that park and have it maintained and cleaned up and to keep it safe for residents to enjoy.

Sarah Levinson then said that they are not able to use the park anymore on Saturdays and Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. She said not only is that an issue, but our properties are being abused by those who are trying to sneak in and not pay the parking fee. She said the Plymouth Police are terrific, but they do not have the time or the bandwidth to deal with these issues. She said this is a massive overcrowding situation with multiple property violations and it is so out of control that it is out of the Police Department's ability, so it is back in the hands of the Town and the Select Board to find a solution. She said this needs to be treated like a people problem and suggested charging per person which she thinks will be a deterrent. She said for years they have been trying to demand respect for this park and the private properties that abut it and there is still no respect shown. She said they would all love to help the Board find a solution but there hasn't been a solution yet.

Chairman Cavacco said she feels like she is reliving the White Horse Beach issues, so she completely understands. She said they made the parking residents only, to which Sarah Levinson said she appreciates that but that would not solve their problem because it is not a vehicle problem, it's a people problem because they are simply walking into the park.

Chairman Cavacco said she agrees which is why Selectman Bletzer and herself formed the Beach and Pond Committee. She said once they got White Horse Beach under control the people that were going there just moved to other beaches and ponds so we will have to start addressing that. She said she thinks that every beach and pond in Plymouth should require a beach sticker and be residents only. She then asked if there was anything we could do emergently, to which Derek Brindisi said he will clear his schedule tomorrow morning and meet with whoever would like to come in and we can brainstorm and try to come up with a solution before this upcoming holiday weekend.

Mary O'Brien came up and said she lived in Plymouth and recently moved to Summer's Reach, and she loves it there. She said for the past four years everything has been fine but now everything has changed. She said all of a sudden, they started parking along Summer Street and last weekend they started pulling into Summer's Reach and unloading all of their equipment such as coolers and grills. She said they were told that they couldn't park there because it was private property and she said that she cannot repeat the words that they said back to us. She said this is a big problem and agrees that this is not a vehicle problem but rather a people problem and we need to find a solution.

King Rudolph came up next and said he lives at 242 Summer Street. He said on several occasions people have pulled into his driveway and leave their cars unattended. He said they are the most rude and ignorant people and have no respect for residents. He said the Fourth of July is notorious for being trouble. He said he agrees that it is a people problem, so he said something needs to be done. He said traffic is also getting worse as the summer moves along.

Amy Decoste came up next and said she lives at 9 Morton Park Road. She said they have been there just over a year, and they purposely sought out this neighborhood because it was near Morton Park. She said they have a seven-year-old son, and they were looking for a quieter street which is why they chose Morton Park Road. She said she was ready to put an offer on her house before she even saw the inside merely because of the location. She liked that it was a small quiet road and like that it didn't have a double yellow line down the middle. She said it has not turned out like that on these busy weekends. She said he couldn't even play in their yard this past weekend because cars were going about 50 miles per hour down Morton Park Road. She said she also worked as an Assistant Beach Director in the Town of Hanson, and we did limit their beaches to residents only and it worked well so if you decide to go that way, she can offer some suggestions on how to implement that.

Pat Small came up and said she lives on Little Pond Road, so she is in the middle of Morton Park. She said they have been there for three years and in the beginning her grandchildren loved coming down to the beach. She said they won't come down anymore because it is too load, too crowded and too dirty with trash. She said it breaks her heart because she would like to have them still come down and visit her so they will be at the meeting tomorrow.

Everett Malaguti came up next and said he is the Chairman of the Natural Resources and Coastal Beaches Committee. He said that he applauds the neighbors that came out tonight. He said he had not heard about any of these issues until tonight and said this will be at the forefront on the next agenda for the Natural Resources and Coastal Beaches Committee. He then said if any of the neighbors here tonight would be interested there is an open seat for Morton Park Designee on this committee and it has been vacant for the past three years. He said he realizes that the car problems have been solved so this is more of a biped problem which the committee will look at. He said they will also talk about making this resident only, but this can be dicey because of legal statutes and how the park was left to the Town. He said we can certainly work around that and find a solution that will allow use of the park for all while being more respectful to the neighbors of the park.

Selectman Helm said this is exactly what we had happening at White Horse Beach until we limited cars to just residents. He said it appears that when we solved the issues at White Horse Beach other area beaches started having similar issues, so we are just moving these problems to other parts of town. He said the Board realized that which is why we formed the Beach and Pond Committee to address such issues. He then suggested inviting that committee to come into one of our next meetings and discuss this issue, to which Chairman Cavacco said sure, we can reach out to Steven Hall who is the Chairman of the Beach and Pond Committee and then asked Chris Badot to contact him this week to set something up. She said she will attend tomorrow's meeting in the Town Manager's Office with the residents of Morton Park.

Selectman Helm said that is great and he is excited about tomorrow's meeting because we have immediate concerns, but we formed the Beach and Pond Committee to deal with the long-term issues and he would still like to hear from them on these issues. He said he has learned that long-term solutions are the best solutions.

Steve Lydon came up and said he is from the Visitor Service Board. He said he wanted to acknowledge two members that are no longer on the board but have served for many years. He said they are Ginny Yaeger and Janet Young. He said they both put a lot of time and effort into this committee, and he thought they should be recognized.

8:27PM – RECESS

8:37PM – DOG PARK COMMITTEE

Selectman Helm said we had a discussion here a few weeks ago and we put a deadline for people to submit letters of interest to serve on the Plymouth Dog Park Committee. He said in their work and deliberations they will work with the same processes and group dynamic that we employed with the recent Outdoor Dining Working Group. He said part of this process will include examining successful dog park concepts such as Provincetown and Kingston. He said they will also look at less than successful attempt because you can learn from other's shortfalls, for instance in Braintree who has been trying for years.

Selectman Helm said also we will be examining our previous attempt which failed for a few different reasons. He said that is an overview of what we are planning on doing and he will be working with Chris Badot to reach out to the members being appointed tonight. He said he is going to read a list of twenty-three names and suggest to the Board that we appoint all of them for a few reasons. He said we all know that a lot of people won't always participate and there are a lot of really good people, and he feels that we can get a lot accomplished fairly quickly. He then read the names as follows: Ashley Shaw, Kim McCabe, Diane Walsh, Jodie Volta, Michelle Newell, Erin Cohen, Pam Ranheim, Melissa Matinzi, Bob Cutting, Laurie Silva, Lindsay Bascom, Amy Pizano, Ellen Hardy, Scott Hokanson, Mandy Bohlken, Marilynn Ferguson, Brian MacEachern, LaDonna Osborne, Michelle Kurker, Deb Balboni, Matt Hennessy, Lynn Washburn, and Dr. Norm Stillman. He said we will also be adding town administration personnel which we found to be particularly helpful with the Outdoor Dining Working Group. He said Barry DeBlasio, who has experience from our previous attempt at a dog park, will also be involved along with Nick Faiella, who is our Parks Superintendent. He then asked the Board to support the above list of names.

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to appoint the members listed above to the Plymouth Dog Park Committee. *Voted 5/0*

8:42PM – TOWN-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY

Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager, came on and said the goal for tonight is to discuss and review the three properties that we talked about last time and reaffirm moving forward with selling one or all three properties. He said the Board already approved the Town Manager's Office working with a commercial real estate agency to look at a marketing plan but there has been no determination on the best way to market these properties. He said in order to get an accurate quote from an agency we need to know the scope of work that the Board is looking for. He said we will be looking for a motion tonight to sell one, two, all three, or none at all so that we know how to start to work with the real estate agency.

Chairman Cavacco said if we decide tonight to look into all three and then along the way we decide to pull one or more of the properties out will that be an issue, to which Brad Brothers said no, that is always in the Board's purview. He said we have over 1,110 properties through tax title among other reasons. He said we are currently researching what we are able to do with each of these properties at the moment but these three are important right now. He said the other properties need more research for tax title and conservation restrictions before we can move forward with those types of properties.

Selectman Helm said that the Excel spreadsheet provided to the Board is our working document and it is dreadful. He said there are no descriptions or addresses and it is very inadequate at best. He said he worked with the Assistant Town manager on this list, and he actually had to drive to one of the properties to see what it was because there was no information on file, and it ended up being totally unbuildable wetlands. He said this worksheet is going to need a lot of work and he thinks we should form a task force to work with the Assistant Town Manager and get this property list in shape.

Chairman Cavacco asked if there was an agency or the possibility of hiring a temporary position to take the time and verify all of these properties and determine which ones might be useful to the town, to which Brad Brothers said we can absolutely look into that. He said we have already met with the Treasurer / Collector about this, and they have a summer intern that they can designate this project to so hopefully they can start on this fairly quickly.

Vice Chairman Quintal said he would like to get all three of these properties out there and see what opportunities the town would have in regard to selling them, to which Brad Brothers said as soon as the Board gives us direction with a vote then we can look at this on our end and come back to the Board with a plan.

Selectman Mahoney said that one or two of these properties may or may not be an option for the Fire Departments needs for a new location for the Fire Headquarters. He said he feels that the old North Plymouth Fire Station definitely should go out to bid and see what we can get for that, but he would prefer to see Fire Chief Foley move forward over the next few months to see what the pros and cons are for a new Fire Headquarters at these other locations. He said he thinks we owe it to the Fire Chief and the taxpayers to allow him the time to fully vet these locations to see if they would work for a new Fire Headquarters.

Chairman Cavacco said she thought we needed four or five acres for a Fire Headquarters, to which Derek Brindisi said ideally that is what the Fire Chief would want and anything smaller than that the Fire Chief indicated that we would have to build up to compensate.

Selectman Bletzer said he agrees and thinks that we should hold onto some of this property and let the Fire Chief take a look at it because he does need a new Fire Headquarters. He said Town Meeting has already denied this request once and to be honest he isn't really confident with Town Meeting right now approving anything. He then said however, he still thinks we should go out on all three properties to see what they can do because as it was mentioned, we can pull these properties at any time if we change our minds, to which Brad Brothers said that is correct, whenever we go out to bid or send out an RFP the Board has the right to cancel any and all at any time without any issues.

Chairman Cavacco said she actually agrees and added if we put the three properties, we'll know what each one is worth. She said the Assistant Town manager said this process could take a couple of months so that is plenty of time to decide what we want to do. She said we should let this marketing firm put together a proposal and come back to the Board so we can have more discussions and decide exactly what direction we should go in.

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to direct the Town Manager's Office to employ a marketing firm to research three town properties located at 0 Spooner Street, 91 Long Pond Road, and 253 South Meadow Road and to come back to the Board with a recommendation for putting them up for sale.

Voted 4/1 Cavacco-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Mahoney-No

9:03PM – TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Bulkhead Project

Derek Brindisi said the ongoing bulkhead project will be completed this week and you may have noticed that the parking spaces have already opened up this week. He said this week they will be removing the containers and taking care of any punch list items.

Maritime Gangway

Derek Brindisi said the gangway in front of the Maritime Facility is slated to be completed by the end of this week as well. He said upon completion of the gangway the Harbor Master boats will be relocated to the floats connected to this new gangway.

Sidewalk Repairs

Derek Brindisi said with the assistance of \$500,000 of MassDOT funds, the Town is actively repairing and replacing sidewalks throughout the town.

Rail Trail Grant

Derek Brindisi said the State announced a \$100,000 Trail Grant which was awarded to the Town. He said this is the project funded by the Community Preservation Committee a couple of years back to redesign the Rail Trail from Nelson Park to Cordage Park. He said this grant will specifically be used to complete the crossing at Nelson Street and at Lothrop Street and to finish the final paving and grading of the trail. He said we just heard about this grant today, but we intend to do a full press release to the community and share the good news.

White Horse Beach Parking

Derek Brindisi said starting this weekend parking control at White Horse Beach will be conducted by a private firm. He said Brad Brothers has been working with Police Chief Flynn and our Procurement Officer to develop a request for quotes in order to be ready for the Fourth of July weekend. He said the Plymouth Police Department will continue to patrol the beach per usual, but the private firm will be enforcing parking.

IT Help Desk

Derek Brindisi said as of June the newly created IT Help Desk has assisted one hundred and ninety citizens apply for either beach or transfer station passes and just yesterday alone, they assisted 29 citizens which is currently the most in one day.

Beech Tree Disease

Derek Brindisi said they have posted to our website that as of June we have found evidence of Beech Leaf Disease also known as BLD has been found infecting our Beech Trees in the areas of Morton Park and Burial Hill. He said our staff, working with local tree experts, arborists, and licensed pesticide specialists, and UMass Extension Pathologist are working together over the next six months to treat these trees and try to preserve them.

New Staff Members

Derek Brindisi said he wanted to mention some of the new staff members that will be coming onboard real soon. He said the first is Kelly McElreath who will be the New Town Clerk. She has twenty-two years of experience as a Town Clerk and was interviewed by a panel made up of our current Acting Town Clerk, Anna Messner, our previous Town Clerk, Larry Pizer, Jackie Gurney from Human Resources, and himself and they unanimously selected Kelly McElreath as our new Town Clerk. He said next, we have Matt Cardillo who is our Assistant Airport Manager and will be promoted to the Airport Manager. He said he will be replacing Tom Mayer who recently retired as the Airport Manager. He said in addition, Mark Reil has been selected as our new Climate Resiliency Officer and will be right after the July Fourth holiday. He said Mark was a Legislative Director for Mass Fish and Game, so he has great experience coming from the state level. He said next, Anthony Senesi will be taking Chris Badot's position over after serving for seven years as the Select Board's Assistant. He said he has worked for the Town of Weston and before that he worked for the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission. He said besides taking over Mr. Badot's role he will also be taking on a larger communication role as well. He said this will probably be Chris Badot's last meeting, so he wanted to thank him for his seven years of service to the Board.

Graffiti

Derek Brindisi said he met with Police Chief Dana Flynn, and he showed him one of our digital sign boards that was tagged down at White Horse Beach. He said our Police Department continues to investigate and try to find out who is doing this tagging. He also wanted to point out that for private property getting tagged with graffiti they can contact the Planning and Community Development Office at 508-322-3320 and talk to them about our graffiti removal program that might help them.

9:11PM – COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE REORGANIZATION

Chairman Cavacco said we have to go through the Committee Liaison and Designee list due to the election and fill in the gaps left behind that Patrick Flaherty served on. She said we can make other changes as well if necessary. She said she also would like to talk about an issue that she has with one of the committees which is the Capital Improvement Committee. She said she thinks that this organization should take the work they do verbatim which has not happened in years past. She said this committee ranks all of the capital requests and there have been things brought to Town Meeting that have been ranked last and she doesn't understand why. She said she feels that it is a disservice to this committee and all of the time they spend going through these items and prioritize them. She said she is not happy spending an entire day doing something only to have it undone in the end. Having said that she said she does not care to be involved in this committee any longer. The Board then collectively discussed each Board and Committee and chose the following Designees:

Capital Improvement Committee	John Mahoney
Community Preservation Committee	John Mahoney
Council on Aging (Liaison Non-Voting)	Harry Helm
Distinguished Visitors Committee	Harry Helm
GATRA Advisory Board	Derek Brindisi
Harbor Committee	Betty Cavacco
Insurance Advisory (Liaison Non-Voting)	Dick Quintal
MBTA Advisory Board	Lee Hartmann
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Lee Hartmann
Natural Resources / Coastal Beaches	Betty Cavacco
NDCAP	John Mahoney
No Place for Hate	Harry Helm
Old Colony Elder Services	Michelle Bratti
Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee	Sheila Sgarzi
PACTv	Charlie Bletzer
Plymouth County Advisory Board	Dick Quintal
Plymouth Regional Economic Development	Harry Helm
Roads Advisory Committee	Charlie Bletzer
South Shore Community Action Council	Charlie Bletzer

Chairman Cavacco thanked the Board for volunteering for these various boards and committees and then asked Chris Badot to update the list and send it out to the entire Board.

9:20PM – SELECT BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Selectman Bletzer said he would like to know the status of the Simes House and suggested inviting them into an upcoming meeting and discuss their progress and current situation, to which Derek Brindisi said he has a meeting scheduled with Donna Curtin this Thursday and he will certainly invite them to come into the next Select Board Meeting. He said they reached out and wanted to talk about their existing programs and said he thought it would be a good idea for him to go take a look because it has been years since he seen the house.

Chairman Cavacco asked if their contract was up soon, to which Derek Brindisi said he believes it is expiring soon so we can take care of that at the same time as we get and update.

Vice Chairman Quintal said the Town puts conservation restrictions on various pieces of land, whether it is the Community Preservation Committee or another source. He then said this can cause problems with the town moving utilities such as water supplies because of these various conservation restrictions and he is being told that you can have easement through conservation restriction for the very reason of utilities and asked if anyone knew if that was true. He said if nobody knew the answer could we get more information on this concept especially in the areas where there is interest for a new well, to which Derek Brindisi said he will certainly research the process to get an easement on a piece of property that already has a conservation restriction placed on it.

Vice Chairman Quintal then said he received a letter from Hyundai of Plymouth, and they requested to come before the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting, to which Chairman Cavacco said we can certainly schedule them to come before the Board.

9:24PM – LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

LICENSES

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Second Wind Brewing Company** for a Summer Beer Garden being held from 12:00pm to 9:00pm at Bramhall's Country Store in a cordoned off area on the following dates: *Voted 5/0*

- July 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2022
- August 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2022
- September 1, 2022

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry helm, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor** for a Wedding Cocktail Hour being held on August 15, 2022 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Linchris Corporate Office, 225 Water Street. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor** for an MSAA Office Event being held on August 15, 2022 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Linchris Corporate Office, 225 Water Street. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Spectacle Management** for a Concerts being held from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at Memorial Hall on the following dates: *Voted 5/0*

- July 27, 2022
- August 20, 2022
- September 17, 2022

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve an Amplified Music Permit for **Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce** for Local Musicians and Bands playing on August 27, 2022 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm in the Amphitheater at Pilgrim Memorial Park on the Waterfront. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve an Amplified Music Permit for **Bridgewater Credit Union** for a New Branch Opening being held on July 15, 2022 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at 39 Home Depot Drive. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve s Change of D/B/A from Shanty Rose to **Shack on the Wharf**. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve a Special Auctioneer Permit for **J James Auctioneers and Appraisers** for a Fine Arts and Antiques Auction being held on July 9, 2022 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve a One Day All Alcohol License for **Eel River Beach Club** for Evening Cocktails for Members from 4:00pm to 9:00pm from July 4, 2022 through July 19, 2022. *Voted 5/0*

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the Open Meeting Minutes from the March 29, 2022 Select Board Meeting. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to appoint Christopher Badot as the Town's Municipal Hearing Officer for Non-Criminal Fire Code Violations under M.G.L. Chapter 148A effective immediately. He has successfully completed the Municipal Hearing Officer Training Program on May 23, 2022. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to accept the donation of tourniquets and quikclot kits for all sworn Plymouth Police Officers from The Law Enforcement Support Foundation. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to grant Exclusive Vendor Rights to the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce for all events during their Annual Plymouth Waterfront Festival being held on August 27, 2022 from 10:00am to 6:00pm (with a rain date of August 28, 2022) along Water Street, Brewster Gardens, and the Jenny Grist Mill. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to accept a donation of \$500 from the Herring Pond Watershed Association to be used towards scholarships for Hedges Pond Participants. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to appoint the following people to the following Boards and Committees: *Voted 5/0*

- Christopher Knoth - Affordable Housing Trust
- Autumn Devito - Agricultural Commission
- Dennis Smith - Airport Commission
- Paul Worcester - Airport Commission
- Lorenzo Pizarro - Board of Health
- Deb Zona - Board of Health
- Steve Lydon - Capital Improvement Committee
- Brian Faghan - Center for Active Living Advisory Board
- Pat Achorn - Center for Active Living advisory Board

- Samantha Nichols - Cultural Council
- Chris Mazzola - Energy Committee
- Joshua Bows - Harbor Committee
- Thomas O'Reilly - Harbor Committee
- Jim Cahill - Historic District (Architect)
- Lisa O'Neill - Historic District (Realtor)
- Jodie Burkett - Little Red School House Committee
- Linda White - Little Red School House Committee
- Teresa McKenna - Little Red School House Committee
- Louis Cabana - Manomet Steering Committee
- Peter Malton - No Place for Hate Committee
- Maureen Hickey - North Plymouth Steering Committee
- John Morse - Plymouth Center Steering Committee
- John Morse - Plymouth Growth and Development Corporation
- Steve Lydon - Visitor Services Board
- Chris Anzuoni - Visitor Services Board
- Peg Blackwell - Water Conservation Committee

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to accept the donation of land located at 41 Billington Sea Road consisting of 2.78 acres from MEGRYCO. This land will go under the care and custody of the Plymouth Conservation Commission. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to authorize the Chairman to execute a Local Initiative Program Compliance of Certificate for a project located at 278 Court Street, Unit 203. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to increase the cost of a marked cruiser during details from \$10 per hour to \$20 per hour. These cruisers are used as additional safety measures during an officer's assigned detail. *Voted 5/0*

9:27PM - COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Chairman Cavacco said she wanted to let everyone know that the next select Board Meeting would be held on July 19, 2022 here in the Great Hall.

Derek Brindisi wanted to let everyone know that the deadline for Year End Transfers was July 12, 2022 as mentioned by the Finance Director.

9:30PM - ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 10:32pm.

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