

PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022

GREAT HALL, TOWN HALL, 26 COURT STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA – 6:00 PM
HYBRID PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

Betty Cavacco, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 on 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: Betty Cavacco, Chairman
Richard Quintal Jr., Vice Chairman
John Mahoney Jr.
Harry Helm
Charlie Bletzer

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager
Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager

6:00 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – SHIKKU HOT POT AND NOODLE BAR

- Early Sunday Sales (10:00 a.m.)
- Comprehensive Entertainment (Group 1 - Radio, TV)
- Common Victualler

Chairman Cavacco read the Public Hearing notice into the record 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 Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court Street Plymouth, MA on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the issuance of an All Alcohol License for Shikku Corp d/b/a Shikku Hot Pot and Noodle Bar, 18 Court Street, Patricia Cho. Description of the premises will be as follows: the ground floor is full-service dine-in and takeout and has 1,100 square feet of space for seating, the basement floor will have a full-scale commercial kitchen with approximately 1100 square feet with a walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer units.

Patricia Cho, Co-Owner of Shikku Hot Pot and Noodle Bar stated that the kitchen is planned for upstairs, not downstairs as stated in the Hearing notice. Ms. Cho stated that she owns Kogi Bar & Grill.

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve Shikku Hot Pot and Noodle Bar All Alcohol License.

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH – DOROTHY ZUPPEROLI

Chairman Cavacco presented the Citizen of the Month to Ms. Dorothy Zupperoli. Chairman Cavacco stated that Ms. Zupperoli was an employee in the Town Personnel Department and a dedicated volunteer at the Plymouth Public Library and the Center for Active Living.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia McCarthy, Precinct 18, Board Member of the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters thanked the Board for sending a letter to Attorney General Healey. Ms. McCarthy read from the letter addressed to the Attorney General from the League of Women Voters describing the concerns of some residents and stakeholders regarding Holtec International Decommissioning. Ms. McCarthy states that she believes dumping of radioactive waste is illegal, and that the Attorney General should respond with action to sanction Holtec. Ms. McCarthy asked the Board to add an agenda item regarding Boston South Development and the County Woodlot.

Ms. Cavacco stated that she, Mr. Quintal, and the Town Manager, Derek Brindisi, had a meeting with representatives from the County Commissioners Office and Boston South on Monday, August 8, 2022. Ms. Cavacco stated that during the meeting, Boston South described possible developments ranging from commercial, industrial, and entertainment complexes, including the possibility of a horse racing venue. Ms. Cavacco stated that during the meeting the Board representatives reaffirmed their strong opposition to horse racing. Ms. Cavacco stated that Boston South is using a 90-day process for its due diligence to conduct an environmental analysis.

CHARTER COMMISSION – UPDATE AND REQUEST OF LEGAL SERVICES

William Abbott, Charter Commission Chairman, described the history of drafting the proposed Town Charter. Mr. Abbott described the community engagement and input process for drafting the Town Charter. Mr. Abbott stated that the Charter Commission voted 6/3 in favor of a Town Meeting form of government. Mr. Abbott stated that the Charter Commission voted to hire the Collins Center for Public Management of UMass Boston. Mr. Abbott stated that the Charter Commission requests that the Select Board vote to approve a \$15,000 budget for legal fees to have legal Counsel, Anderson Krieger, render a legal opinion regarding new provisions raised in the proposed Charter.

Mr. Helm asked if members of the public will have access to the red-lined version of the Charter to view any proposed changes to the existing Charter. Mr. Abbott agreed that would be beneficial to residents.

Mr. Bletzer asked why the Collins Center was not involved before the Charter Commission made their decision to vote on approving a Town Meeting form of government. Mr. Abbott stated that the Collins Center was tasked to draft the Charter that the Charter Commission selected. Mr. Bletzer asked what the Collins Center was contracted to perform. Mr. Abbott stated that the Collins Center received \$24,000 to provide guidance for the Charter

Commission and to attend and participate in 16 meetings. Mr. Bletzer asked why it costs \$15,000 for legal Counsel to answer three questions. Mr. Abbott stated that he anticipates that some of the \$15,000 will be returned.

Ms. Cavacco asked if there is an opportunity for the Select Board and the Charter Commission to meet. Mr. Abbott stated that individual Board members have expressed their opinion to the Charter Commission. Ms. Cavacco and Mr. Abbott agreed to have a joint meeting with the Board and the Charter Commission.

On a motion by Ms. Cavacco and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve and execute the letter from Anderson Krieger and to authorize the use of Special Counsel to review legal issues that the Charter Commission has identified in the revision to the Town of Plymouth Charter.

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

SELECT BOARD GOALS AND PRIORITIES PRESENTATION

Chairman Cavacco gave a brief synopsis of the Goals and Priorities that were drafted by the Select Board and the Town Manager's Office. Ms. Cavacco stated that Mr. Brindisi met several times with Department Heads and Town staff. Ms. Cavacco stated that the Board has met twice to determine goals and priorities. Ms. Cavacco stated that the Board will review each goal with the Town Manager in 2023 to determine the success.

Ms. Cavacco noted that one of the overarching goals is to 'Ensure a Safe and Healthy Community'. Mr. Helm noted that a priority of his is to achieve Age and Dementia Friendly Community Designation. Mr. Helm stated that a Senior Task Force was created to explore options to be designated as an Age and Dementia Friendly Community.

Ms. Cavacco noted that another overarching goal is to 'Commit to Long-Term Financial Planning', one priority within that goal is to develop a robust 10-year capital improvement plan. Mr. Brindisi stated that he and the Assistant Town Manager would develop a plan, and the plan would include strategies to fund the projects listed in the plan.

Ms. Cavacco noted that one of her goals is to develop a Town-wide 311 System. Ms. Cavacco described what a 311 System would be for the Town and how it would streamline the process.

Mr. Bletzer stated that a priority of his is to ensure a strong, vibrant economic development and business sector. Mr. Bletzer described Mr. Brindisi's background with revitalizing Upton's downtown area.

Mr. Quintal described the need for improved town infrastructure and protection of the environment. Ms. Cavacco described how the Town should be prioritizing retaining quality staff. Mr. Brindisi stated that there were previously 47 vacant staff positions, the new Human Resources Director has brought the number of vacancies down to 23 today. Mr. Brindisi stated that many Town policies are out of date and inaccurate, and a goal would be to update all Town policies in FY2023.

Mr. Mahoney described past water needs/shortages in other regions in Massachusetts. Mr. Mahoney noted the importance of having a redundant, resilient, and secure water system in the Town. Mr. Quintal asked the Town Manager to add a clean/renewable energy priority for FY23.

On a motion by Mr. Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute the FY23 Select Board Goals and Priorities

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

SENIOR & VETERANS TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Lynne Barrett, Director of Finance stated that during the Fall 2021 Town Meeting, the Town adopted a local option to include Seniors and Veterans within the tax relief program. Ms. Barrett stated that the Board received rules, policies, and guidelines to implement the new program. Ms. Barrett stated that the policy would begin the updated program for the calendar year 2023, for Fiscal Year 2024 property tax year. Ms. Barrett stated that the tax relief amount would be doubled from \$500 to \$1,000. Ms. Barrett stated that each department has submitted projects or jobs that they have available for the program workers.

Mr. Helm asked if there was any possibility of further expanding the number of workers in the future. Mr. Helm noted that for the calendar year 2023, the number of workers grew from 15 to 30 and that veterans were included as well. Ms. Barrett stated that her department can revisit the opportunity to grow the program in the future.

On a motion by Ms. Cavacco and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve and execute the local rules and guidelines of the Senior and Veterans Property Tax Relief Program, as presented in the Agenda Packet.

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Ongoing Drought

The Town Manager described ongoing water conservation efforts such as educating residents to eliminate all non-essential outdoor water usages, which includes irrigation of lawns, filling swimming pools, washing vehicles, and other non-essential outdoor water uses. Mr. Brindisi stated that there are thousands of private wells in the Town of Plymouth and that Town staff are concerned about the levels of water in those wells. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Fire Chief is working with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to pre-plan for any future issues. Mr. Brindisi stated that there is a 200% increase in fires this year, compared to last year. Mr. Brindisi stated that there has been a 30% increase in call volume regarding emergencies.

Graffiti

The Town Manager met with various stakeholders to work to have graffiti removed in concentrated areas within the Town.

DPW Update

The Town Manager stated that there will be paving operations occurring on Murray Street, Teaberry Circle, Elliot Lane, Valley Road, Juniper Street, Ash Street, and sections of Court Street and Commerce Way.

Upcoming Elections

The Town Manager stated that the State Primary Election will be held on September 6, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Brindisi noted that there are 18 Precincts, and residents' precincts may have changed due to the most recent Census. Mr. Brindisi reminded the Board that Early Voting is occurring in the Great Hall in Town Hall on August 27, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., August 28, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Monday through Friday during regular business hours.

Simes House Task Force Survey

The Town Manager stated that the Simes House Task Force has drafted a survey for residents to determine what they believe would be a suitable use for the building.

White Horse Beach Restroom Trailer

The Town Manager stated that the DPW hopes to mobilize the trailer next week. Mr. Brindisi noted that the trailer could be used for future large-scale events in Town.

SELECT BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Cavacco stated that she, Mr. Quintal, Mr. Brindisi, Harbor Committee Chair, Phil Chandler, representatives from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Steve Cole, and Plymouth Foundation are meeting with representatives from American Cruise Lines. Ms. Cavacco stated that there is an opportunity for the Town to engage with small cruise ships.

Ms. Cavacco stated that the Nelson Park bathrooms are always closed and that she has received complaints regarding the condition of the facilities.

Mr. Quintal stated that he and others have organized donations for families that recently moved from Ukraine.

LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Licenses

On a motion by Mr. Quintal and seconded by Mr. Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the Licenses as a group.

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

Eel River Beach Club, 110 Warren Avenue, Amy Crawford is requesting a One Day All Alcohol License for social hours on the following dates and times: August 21, 2022, through September 3, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and September 4, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and *4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Trailsend Bistro, 1 Greenside Way N., Sahin Gulsen is requesting a One Day Wine and Malt License for September 16, 2022, September 17, 2022, and September 18, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a fundraiser on the Village Green in Redbrook.

Mayflower Brewing Company, 12 Resnik Rd., Dennis Adams is requesting a One Day Wine and Malt License for August 26, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a fundraiser at the library at 132 South Street.

Second Wind Brewing Company, 7 Howland Street, Kenny Semcken is requesting a One Day Malt and Wine License for August 27, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Waterfront Festival Beer Garden in the parking lot of the brewery.

Mar Promotions, 10 Pimental Way, Michelle Polvere, is requesting a One Day Malt and Wine License for August 27, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for a mixed martial arts event at Memorial Hall.

Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, 125B Colony Place, Jannette Pasquale, is requesting a Common Victualler License (New).

Permits

On a motion by Mr. Quintal and seconded by Mr. Helm, the Board voted to approve the Permits as a group.

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street, Anne Phelan is requesting an Amplified Music Permit for a Philharmonic Concert on September 28, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the front lawn.

Redbrook, One Greenside Way, is requesting an Amplified Music Permit for a block party on the following dates and times: September 17, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and September 18, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PCO Hope, 385 Court Street is requesting an Amplified Music Permit for a Philharmonic Concert on September 30, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at DCR Pilgrim Memorial Park for a recovery fest concert and resource fair.

Pole Petition

On a motion by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mr. Mahoney, the Board voted to approve the Pole Petition.

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

Eversource Energy, Work Order 8578918, One petition covering the installation of PVC Conduit (concrete encased) underground cable and conduit location on Doten Road.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mr. Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the Administrative Notes as a group

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes with an abstention for Administrative Note #1; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

1. The Board will vote to approve the Open Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2022, Select Board Meeting.
2. The Board will vote to approve the demolition of the Pilgrim Power Plant-Trash Compaction Facility (TCF) located at 600 Rocky Hill Road, and any further demolition of additional buildings or variance from the approved proposal will result in reapproval from the Select Board and Building Commissioner.
3. The Board will vote to approve the installation of the Taylor Avenue (Avenue A) crosswalk, as presented in the agenda packet.
4. The Board will vote to approve One Stop Painting to hold a fundraiser, and that the proceeds be donated to the Police Department, Plymouth Police Working Dog Foundation.
5. The Board will vote to appoint the following people to the following Boards and Committees as follows:
 - o Carol Faria – 1749 Court House Committee
 - o Karla Brown – 1749 Court House Committee
6. The Board will authorize the application for, and acceptance of, grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 (\$50,000 annually, over five years) from Holtec Pilgrim LLC, for Fire Department expenses, equipment, and unanticipated impacts relating to the decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.
7. The Board will authorize the application for, and acceptance of, grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 through the Commonwealth’s MassTrails Grant Program, for the Seaside Trail Improvements and Extension Project.
8. The Board will authorize the application for, and acceptance of, grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Clean Vessel Act Grant Program, for the operation of the free pump-out service for recreational boats in Plymouth Harbor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Helm and seconded by Mr. Bletzer, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

Voted 5/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

Recorded by: Anthony Senesi
Assistant to the Select Board/Town Manager