

# PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

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

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## 6:00PM - 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 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  
John Mahoney Jr.  
Harry Helm  
Charlie Bletzer  
  
Derek Brindisi, Town Manager  
Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Triffletti, Town Moderator stated that he spoke with the State delegation, Representative Matt Muratore, and Representative Kathy LaNatra. Mr. Triffletti stated that he has been informed that hybrid Town Meeting legislation has been fast-tracked. Mr. Triffletti stated that he has been in contact with the Town Manager's Office and PACTV to determine a course of action to hold a Town Meeting in a hybrid setting. Mr. Triffletti stated that Town Meeting members take an oath to uphold the Town Charter and Town bylaws. Mr. Triffletti stated that Town Meeting is occurring on October 15, 2022, and that he wants to make sure that health risks are reduced for attendees. Mr. Triffletti stated that he has decided to hold Town Meeting in three rooms; (1) a mask-only room, (2), members of the public room (3) and a room with Town Meeting members, additionally, Town officers, Town Manager, Town Engineer, chairpersons for Boards and Committees, Advisory & Finance members, all departments and designated representatives. Mr. Triffletti noted that the Select Board will be present with Town Meeting members in the Auditorium in the first row.

Russ Shirley, Plymouth Housing Authority, Chair; Precinct 13 Chair, stated that the Oak Street building has received separate bids to install a ramp at the rear of the building. Mr. Shirley stated that construction of the ramp will take place in two weeks. Mr. Shirley stated that the Housing Authority is interested in procuring 253 South Meadow Road.

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## LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

### Licenses

Mr. Helm asked why the Board is voting on ARPA requests even though the Board will discuss all ARPA requests at their next meeting. Mr. Brother stated that due to shortages of electric vehicles, it is advantageous to allocate funds for the EVs as soon as possible.

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

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

1. **Patriot Bartending Service**, 17 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Eric Christensen is requesting a One Day Wine and Malt License for October 8, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a cornhole fundraiser at the Holy Ghost Society Festival Grounds, 12 South Cherry St.
2. **Second Wind Brewing Company**, 7 Howland Street, Kenny Semcken, is requesting a One Day Wine and Malt License for the following dates for their annual Oktoberfest Celebration in the parking lot in front of the brewery; September 30, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., October 1, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., October 2, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
3. **Steven Hall**, 40 Harlows Landing is requesting a One Day Malt and Wine License for October 1, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a fundraiser at Cordage Park.

### Amplified Music Permit

1. **Steven Hall**, 40 Harlows Landing, is requesting an Amplified Music Permit for October 1, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a band at a fundraiser at Cordage Park.
2. **Sarah Clark**, 77 South Street, is requesting an Amplified Music Permit for October 1, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a DJ at a family field day at the Plymouth Public Library.

### Pole Petition

1. **Eversource Energy, Work Order 7667883**, One petition covering the installation of underground cable, conduit and one manhole on Church Street and Town Square in Plymouth. This new equipment is necessary to accommodate the renovations being done at 11 Town Square, Plymouth.
2. **Eversource Energy, Work Order 8572340**, Covering the installation of underground cable and conduit on West Street in Plymouth. This work is necessary to relocate the existing electric Service from overhead to underground for 8 West Street, Plymouth.

### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

1. The Board will vote to appoint the following people to the following Board and Committees as follows:
  - Kenneth Hicks, No Place for Hate Committee
2. The Board will vote to approve an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$118,039, for the purchase of five electric Town vehicles.

Mr. Brindisi reminded the Board that during the 2022 Spring Town Meeting, the Town approved special legislation to allow the Town to enter into a PILOT agreement with Holtec International and to tax spent fuel rods and dry cast storage systems. Mr. Brindisi stated that he spoke with the Town's legislation, and he was informed that if the legislation were to pass, language regarding fuel rods and dry-cast storage systems would have to be removed. Mr. Makarios stated that realistically, the legislation will not pass without striking the language. Mr. Makarios believes that the Town will have sufficient and productive negotiations with the amended change. Mr. Cavacco stated that she has concerns about striking any language and would like every avenue to be exhausted to get all languages included and approved. Ms. Cavacco stated that the State of New York is anticipating passing similar language with the fuel rods and dry cast storage systems included.

Mr. Muratore noted that he understands the concerns Ms. Cavacco has. Mr. Muratore noted that if the full language was included, it would go to study, and would not be passed. Mr. Muratore noted that the language still must be approved by the State Senate. Mr. Makarios noted that this does not limit the Town to file further legislation in the future. Mr. Mahoney stated that striking the language is the best past moving forward.

On a motion by Mr. Mahoney and seconded by Mr. Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the Home Rule Petition as amended by the State delegation, on the recommendation of the State delegation and Special Town Counsel.

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

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## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDY PRESENTATION – UMASS DONAHUE**

Mr. Stephen Cole, Executive Director of The Plymouth Foundation described an Entrepreneurship Study that was conducted by the UMass Donahue Institute for the Town. Mr. Cole stated that The Plymouth Foundation submitted a competitive grant to the United State Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Foundation received \$200,000 to complete the study.

Mr. Branner Stewart described the differences between the Town and other regions of Massachusetts and the United States. Mr. Stewart stated that the Town is asset rich. Mr. Stewart stated that the Town is well situated for Marine Sciences Technology, growth aquaculture, as well as restaurants and entertainment. Mr. Stewart stated that there appears to be a need in the Town for an entrepreneurial center. Mr. Stewart stated that the Town is experiencing high population growth and becoming increasingly wealthy. Mr. Stewart noted that the Town has a labor force of roughly 23,000 people. Mr. Stewart noted that the Town's tax base is 85% and 15% commercial. Mr. Stewart stated that the Town that there is potential growth in the restaurant industry, marine science tech and trade and aquaculture, and health care and life sciences. Mr. Stewart stated that the Town is in a region with strong marine science sectors. Mr. Stewart stated that there is significant waterfront access encouraging consumer markets for seafood and shellfish. Mr. Stewart stated that Plymouth could become part of the three P's (Portland, Portsmouth, and Providence), regarding national destinations for food. Mr. Stewart stated that the Town could benefit from shared kitchens.

Mr. Cole stated that The Plymouth Foundation is looking to actively implement some strategies from the Entrepreneurship Study. Mr. Cole stated that the partners in the EDA are insisting that the region submit applications to implement infrastructure enhancements to

bolster the aquaculture and marine sciences industries. Mr. Cole stated that some communities have invested in shared refrigeration storage at wharves to assist fisheries.

Mr. Mahoney noted that the communities that were mentioned in Mr. Stewart's report are not similar to Plymouth because the Town still has undeveloped land available. Mr. Cavacco noted that she believes the Town needs a building moratorium. Mr. Helm noted that the Town's average hourly wage is \$20.00 per hour, and the average in Massachusetts is \$36.00 per hour. Mr. Helm stated that he believes in a diversification of the economic outlook is important for the future of the Town. Mr. Quintal stated that he believes there is not enough affordable housing in the Town.

Mr. Hokanson and Mr. Shirley described their interests in purchasing the 253 South Meadow Road property.

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### **DOWNTOWN PARKING ANTI-SHUFFLING AMENDMENT – PARK PLYMOUTH, DESMOND EGAN**

Desmond Egan stated that Park Plymouth requests an amendment to existing Anti-Shuffling regulations. Mr. Egan stated that the regulations would limit people from parking their cars in the same spots for unlimited amounts of time. Mr. Bletzer stated that he agrees with this regulation because it allows for more availability of parking for customers and visitors. Mr. Bletzer noted that some business owners and employees park in spaces near their business and that impedes the ability of their customers to find parking. Mr. Bletzer noted that there are opportunities for people to purchase a parking permit to park in designated lots for the year.

Mr. Egan stated that cars will not be allowed to continuously park up to 100 feet, or five parking spaces away from their current parking space. Mr. Egan stated that parking enforcement officers have GPS technology to determine how far someone is parking away from their original parking space.

On a motion by Mr. Bletzer and seconded by Mr. Helm, the Board voted to the Downtown Parking Anti-Shuffling Amendment as presented by Park Plymouth

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

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### **MORTON PARK PRESENTATION**

Sarah Levenson described her concerns regarding overcrowding at Morton Park and the concerns regarding parking in the area of the park. Ms. Levenson showed photographs of the overcrowding. Ms. Levenson described the loud music and the amount of litter that is left by people. Ms. Levenson strongly recommends that the Board take any action necessary to make the park safe and pleasant for residents and neighbors.

Mr. Brindisi described how an upcoming 2022 Fall Town Meeting article will give the Town the ability to create a parking district for the Morton Park neighborhood, and be able to implement larger fines to deter illegal parking.

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### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

### Traffic Concerns

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town Manager's Office received numerous concerns regarding traffic delays at Home Depot Drive. Mr. Brindisi stated that when the contractor was completing the electrical work of the traffic signal, that caused issues regarding traffic flow.

### Beach Nourishment Project

The Town received \$2 million for beach nourishment at Long Beach. Mr. Brindisi stated that Town staff met with Coastal Zone Management and other State officials for the award ceremony. Mr. Brindisi thanked DMEA and the Town's grant writer for their efforts in writing the application. Mr. Brindisi stated that the grant award was the largest Coastal Zone Management has ever given to a municipality.

### Communicating and Engaging with the Public

Mr. Brindisi stated that a Committee has been formed of staff who are coming up with initiatives to engage with the community. Mr. Brindisi stated that Town staff have formed a website working group to develop the redesign of the Town's website. Mr. Brindisi stated that Anthony Senesi, Assistant to the Select Board/Town Manager has created an Instagram account for the Town.

### Division Head Engagement

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town Manager's Office met with all Town Division Heads meeting. Mr. Brindisi stated that this kind of meeting has never occurred in recent memory. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town's Division Heads will meet quarterly.

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## **SELECT BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Mahoney stated that he has spoken with Mr. Senesi regarding elevating the Town's social media presence. Mr. Senesi described how the Town plans to utilize Instagram.

Mr. Quintal noted that he heard that Fire Prevention staff will be located in Inspectional Services at Town Hall. Mr. Quintal stated that he has advocated for that change previously. Mr. Quintal stated that the morale of the Town staff has improved since Mr. Brindisi started working as the Town Manager. Mr. Quintal noted that a future agenda item should be regarding lifting the purchasing burial plot moratorium. Mr. Quintal stated that he has received concerns from residents that they are not able to purchase a burial plot until someone is deceased.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Quintal and seconded by Mr. Helm, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 8:26 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*