

PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

1820 COURT ROOM, TOWN HALL, 26 COURT STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA – 5:30 PM
HYBRID PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

5:30PM - CALL TO ORDER

Betty Cavacco, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:30 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:

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, Vice Chairman
John Mahoney Jr.
Harry Helm
Charlie Bletzer

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager
Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager

5:30PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Select Board held 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 the chair so declares. Following Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in open session.

❖ 132 Warren Avenue (Lease)

6:00PM – BACK TO OPEN SESSION

Chairman Cavacco called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that the order of items listed on the agenda will change. Chairman Cavacco requested that Aidan Basinski present his Eagle Scout Project to the Board.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REQUEST

Aidan Basinski presented his Eagle Scout Project which includes a donation of fencing and installation at Bloody Pond Cemetery, near 794 Long Pond Road. Mr. Basinski stated that

the cemetery dates back to 1851. Mr. Basinski stated that all hardware, paint, and equipment would be approved by Ken King, Cemetery Division.

Mr. Bletzer and Mr. Mahoney commended Mr. Basinski on their hard work and dedication.

On a motion by Harry Helm and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the Eagle Scout Project request made by Mr. Basinski.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Cavacco asked Mr. Brindisi to describe the recent influx of migrants to the Town of Plymouth. Mr. Brindisi stated that he would like to address rumors and misinformation regarding the Town's involvement with the migrants. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) spearheaded bringing migrants to the Town. Mr. Brindisi stated that on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, he received a call from DHCD that the Commonwealth procured 27 hotel rooms in the Town, split amongst two different hotels. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town has worked with a contracted organization, NeighborWorks, which is providing case management for recent migrants.

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town has been interjecting in the conversation regarding services that the migrants need, especially in regard to the Schools. Mr. Brindisi stated that currently, 12 families, including 24 children are in the Town. Christian Horvath, Emergency Management Director has been working with points of contact at NeighborWorks to provide resources whenever possible. Mr. Brindisi stated that there is a donation collection at Town Hall, the Public Library, and the Cedarville Fire Station.

Mr. Brindisi stated that according to State officials, the migrants would be in Plymouth until January 1, 2023. Mr. Brindisi stated that the State expects the number of migrants to double in the next four months. Mr. Brindisi stated that the migrants are considered asylum seekers and refugees. Mr. Brindisi stated that Massachusetts and New York are the only two states in the United States that have a Right to Shelter law.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT – JOINT SESSION WITH PLANNING BOARD

To Fill Vacancy, Term Expires April 1, 2023 – Candidates Carl Donaldson & Scott Hokanson

Mr. Grandy, Planning Board, Chairman called the Planning Board meeting to order.

Planning Board members in attendance; Tim Grandy, Steven Bolotin, Francis Mand, and Birgitta Kuehn.

Carl Donaldson

Mr. Donaldson stated that he recently moved to the Town, currently lives in Manomet and is on the Manomet Beach Shores Association Board. Mr. Donaldson stated that he worked for the Department of Interior as an Administrative Assistant at the Frederick Law Olmstead

National Historical Site and the John F. Kennedy home site. Mr. Donaldson stated that he is currently working on his Master's degree from Boston University in City Planning.

Scott Hokanson

Mr. Hokanson stated that he is a 23-year resident of the Town. Mr. Hokanson stated that he raised a family in the Town. Mr. Hokanson stated that he was involved with the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club, and other charities. Mr. Hokanson stated that he would like to be a part of the Town government.

Mr. Mand noted that in Mr. Hokanson's letter, he is interested in the Town's Master Plan. Mr. Hokanson described large-scale projects, and affordable housing projects and how they affect taxes. Mr. Mand stated that in Mr. Hokanson's letter, he described working with hundreds of businesses. Mr. Mand asked if that would be a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Hokanson stated that could be the case, not just in Plymouth, but also in Plymouth County. Mr. Mand asked if Mr. Hokanson attended Planning Board meetings in the past. Mr. Hokanson stated that he has not attended Planning Board meetings.

Mr. Mand noted that in Mr. Donaldson's letter, he described an interest in the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and the Historic District Commission. Mr. Donaldson stated that is most interested in serving on the Planning Board. Mr. Mand asked Mr. Donaldson what he describes as the chief role of a Planning Board member. Mr. Donaldson stated that he believes that Planning Board members should be conscious of the Town Charter, the City Plan, and the City Master Plan, in addition to other compliance measures.

Mr. Mand asked Mr. Hokanson what he sees are the Planning Board's chief roles and responsibilities. Mr. Hokanson stated that he would vote for the Town's best interests, and not on behalf of the personal beliefs he has, or anything else, that would impede his decision-making.

Ms. Kuehn stated to Mr. Donaldson that the Town government is daunting and appreciates his interest in the position. Ms. Kuehn asked Mr. Donaldson to comment on the balance between environmental issues and development in the Town, and how that relates to the Master Plan. Mr. Donaldson stated that the Town should be conscious of any development and how that would connect to any benefit for the Town. Mr. Hokanson stated that he has worked with the Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs regarding growing the blue economy in the Town.

Mr. Bolotin stated that the applicants should be conscious of the economics and the zoning bylaws for the Town. Mr. Bletzer stated that whoever gets appointed to the Planning Board should be open-minded and reasonable.

The Select Board and Planning Board voted to approve the appointment of Scott Hokanson.

7/2 vote. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Mr. Quintal, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes; Tim Grandy, Yes; Steve Bolotin, Yes; Ms. Kuehn, No; Mr. Mand, No.

On a motion by Mr. Bolotin and seconded by Mr. Mand, the Planning Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 6:38 p.m.

4/0 Vote Tim Grandy, Yes; Steve Bolotin, Yes; Ms. Kuehn, Yes; Mr. Mand, Yes.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Board of Appeals

Kevin O'Reilly described his interest in the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he has 30 years of experience and has been active as a volunteer in the Town. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he has been involved with the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel and the Plymouth 400.

Philip Ricardi described his interest in the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Ricardi stated that he has experience in civil engineering and managing commercial projects for developers and owners. Mr. Ricardi stated that he has been an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 16 months.

Stephen McLaughlin described his interest in the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he has lived in Plymouth for 17 years and has practiced law in Plymouth County since 1980, with 42 years of experience. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he has served three years in the Town of Carver's Zoning of Board Appeals, and nine years in the Town of Hingham's Board of Appeals, in addition to the Town of Hanover. Mr. Laughlin stated that he has significant experience in land development and zoning as a lawyer. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals role is a quasi-judicial Board and must follow the zoning bylaws.

Mr. Bletzer asked if Mr. McLaughlin has served on any other Plymouth Boards and Committees, Mr. McLaughlin stated that he has not, and plans to retire from his firm and wants to focus his attention on giving back to the Town.

The Select Board and Planning Board voted to approve the appointment of Kevin O'Reilly.

Board Members in favor of appointing Kevin O'Reilly: Mr. Quintal, Mr. Bletzer, Ms. Cavacco, and Mr. Mahoney.

Board Member in favor of appointing Philip Ricard: Mr. Helm

Board Members in favor of appointing Mr. McLaughlin: None.

Historic District Commission

Darryl Lynch was not present for the meeting.

Ryan Vayo stated that has lived in the Town for 9 years, and he stated that he recognizes the importance of the Downtown Historic District. Mr. Vayo stated that he is a licensed general contractor. Mr. Vayo stated that it is important to determine other parts of Plymouth that should be maintained within a historic district. Mr. Mahoney asked Mr. Vayo if he would support a proposal to expand the existing district. Mr. Vayo agreed. Mr. Bletzer asked Mr. Vayo what historical projects he has worked on. Mr. Vayo stated that he has worked on the armory building and the registry building.

Scott Vecchi stated that he is born in Plymouth, is a member of the Mayflower Society, and can date his lineage to seven pilgrims. Mr. Vecchi stated that he has been a current alternate member since July 2020. Mr. Vecchi stated that he is a licensed attorney and licensed real estate broker. Mr. Vecchi stated that he grew up in downtown Plymouth, which he believes provides institutional knowledge of the area. Mr. Vecchi stated that he an employee with the Town for 25 years. Mr. Vecchi stated that is a retired Marine Sergeant. Mr. Vecchi stated that he is a current member of the Charter Committee. Mr. Vecchi stated that he is elected to the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Vecchi stated that he is in favor of expanding the historic district.

Steven Lodi stated that he has been a lifelong resident, besides living in the Boston area for 25 years. Mr. Lodi stated that he works in affordable housing development and has covered the great Boston and mid-Atlantic regions. Mr. Lodi states that he has a passion for preservation. Mr. Lodi stated that he has not had the opportunity to become involved and volunteer in the Town of Plymouth. Mr. Lodi stated that he believes there are opportunities to grow the historic district in the north Plymouth area.

Kate Sekerak stated that she has lived in the Town for 19 years. Ms. Sekerak stated that she is a founding member of the Bradford Area Commission to help preserve the foundry building. Ms. Sekerak believes that the historic district should expand at least to Stephens Field, and the Bradford area neighborhood. Ms. Sekerak discussed a neglected cottage along White Horse Beach, and the plans to demolition the cottage. Ms. Sekerak noted other historic districts in the Commonwealth, and how the Town appears to be behind in expanding the historic district. Mr. Bletzer noted that a house on White Horse Beach is different from the tourism industry in the historic district.

The Select Board voted to approve Mr. Vayo to the Historic District Commission, a full voting seat.

Board members in favor of appointing Mr. Vayo: Mr. Bletzer, Ms. Cavacco, Mr. Quintal

Board member in favor of appointing Mr. Vecchi: Mr. Helm

Board members in favor of appointing Mr. Lodi: None

Board member in favor of appointing Mr. Sekerak: Mr. Mahoney

HOLIDAY TREE ON TOWN GREEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Holiday Tree has been placed in Town Square for several years. Mr. Brindisi stated that he requests that Board place the Holiday Tree on Town Green. Mr. Brindisi stated that he has received dozens of requests to have the Holiday Tree on Town Green. Mr. Brindisi stated that area businesses have requested the change.

Mr. Helm asked Mr. Brindisi that concerning recent decisions regarding flying flags at Town Green, would the Holiday Tree be a legal concern. Mr. Brindisi stated that Christmas trees are not considered religious according to the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Cavacco agreed that the tree would be a welcome sight on the Town Green. Mr. Mahoney noted that there is a memorial to veterans along Town Green and that he would request that the Town investigate if there would be concerns from veteran groups if the tree was placed nearby. Mr. Mahoney asked if there would be any permanent damage to the Town Green. Mr. Brindisi stated that he is happy to work with veterans groups to determine feasibility. Mr. Brindisi stated that he talked with the DPW Director and there would be no disturbances or issues with underground irrigation systems.

On a motion by Betty Cavacco and seconded by Richard Quintal, the Board voted to approve the yearly placement of the Holiday Tree in front of Town Hall on Town Green.

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

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Halloween on Main Street – Town Hall Participation

Mr. Brindisi stated that Town Hall staff participated in the annual Halloween on Main Street event. Mr. Brindisi stated that he overheard a couple of parents say that next year, they will only bring their children to Town Hall. Mr. Bletzer thanked the downtown merchants, the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, and See Plymouth.

Winter Infrastructure Preparations

The Harbormaster has moved floats out of the water. The DPW is prepared to remove the ‘bump-outs’ for outdoor dining along Court Street.

253 South Meadow Road

Mr. Brothers has worked to devise a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase and sale of 253 South Meadow Road. Mr. Brother stated that the bids will be due November 30, 2022.

SELECT BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

No discussion occurred. Mr. Quintal left the meeting.

LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Licenses

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

Voted 4/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

America’s Hometown Thanksgiving, Inc., 10 Cordage Park Circle, Olly deMacedo is requesting a One Day All Alcohol License for Memorial Hall for the following dates: November 18, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a VIP reception and concert, and November 19, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a concert.

America’s Hometown Thanksgiving, Inc., 10 Cordage Park Circle, Olly deMacedo is requesting a Day Wine and Malt License for November 19, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a beer garden at DCR Pilgrim Memorial State Park.

Second Wind Brewing Company LLC, 7 Howland St., Kenny Semcken is requesting a One Day Wine and Malt License for November 19, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. for a parade day beer garden in the parking lot in front of the brewery.

Change of Manager (Liquor)

On a motion by Mr. Mahoney and seconded by Mr. Helm, the Board voted to approve the Change of Manager request.

Voted 4/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

110 Grill CWP Plymouth LLC, 53-1 Commerce Way is requesting a change of manager from Brittany Bearse to Sidney Andrade.

Pole Petition

On a motion by Mr. Mahoney and seconded by Mr. Helm, the Board voted to approve the Change of Manager request.

Voted 4/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

Eversource Energy Work Order 7999777, one petition covering the installation of conduit in Wareham Road. This construction is to accommodate a new pump station on Wareham Road.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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

Voted 4/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes with an abstention of Administrative Note #1; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

1. The Board will vote to approve the Eagle Scout Project of Aidan Basinski, which includes the donation of fencing and work to install fencing at Bloody Pond Cemetery.
2. The Board will vote to approve the revocation of four outdated or redundant policies, Blood Donation Policy, Community Cleanliness Policy, Processing Citizen Requests and Complaints Policy, and Issuance of Permits and Licenses by Department Heads, effective immediately.
3. The Board will authorize the acceptance of a legislative earmark grant in the amount of \$47,000.00 through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS), to be utilized for the replacement of two motors on the Police Department's Patrol Boat.
4. The Board will authorize the acceptance of a legislative earmark grant in the amount of \$41,000.00 through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS), to be utilized for the upgrade of emergency teleconferencing equipment at the Town's Emergency Operations Center.
5. The Board will authorize the acceptance of a legislative earmark grant in the amount of \$20,000 through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA), to be utilized toward the development of a conceptual design for a Senior Wellness Center at the Center for Active Living.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Mahoney and seconded by Mr. Bletzer, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

Voted 4/0. Mr. Helm, Yes; Mr. Mahoney, Yes; Mr. Bletzer, Yes; Ms. Cavacco, Yes.

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