

PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023, 6:00 PM

PARTICIPATION 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. and asked Select Board Member, Harry Helm to read the opening statement.

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 Jr., Vice Chairman
John Mahoney Jr.
Harry Helm
Charlie Bletzer

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager
Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephen Hall believed that the Board should be informed of concerns regarding the School Committee and the state of facilities in the Town of Plymouth. Mr. Hall thanked Karen Keane, Public Health Department Director regarding the rodent problem at Plymouth South Elementary School. Mr. Hall said that he had conversations with School Administration. Ms. Cavacco stated that the issue is not within the jurisdiction of the Select Board.

LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve the Licenses, Permits, and Administrative Notes as a group.

Voted 5/0 By Roll Call: Mahoney-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Cavacco-Yes

LICENSES & PERMITS

1. Craft Media Inc., 296 Raymond Road, Steven Hall is requesting a One Day Wine & Malt License for February 4, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a Food and Wine Tasting at Memorial Hall.
2. Special Occasion Limousine, 170 Court Street, Diane Dockery, Owner is requesting a Vehicle for Hire Operator (New) license for Robert Rangulong, 244 Kingstown Way,

Duxbury, MA.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

1. The Board will vote to reappoint Joseph Assiradoo to the Affordable Housing Trust as an At-Large member for a term expiring on January 30, 2026

2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 9 – Capital Improvement

Lynne Barrett stated that the Town Manager requested that all departments submit a 10-year capital improvement plan. Ms. Barrett stated that departments submitted their FY24 capital requests at the beginning of November 2022. Ms. Barrett provided a memo to the Capital Improvements Committee, that described the only items recommended for Article 9.

Mr. Bletzer asked what the purpose is of the Hedges Pavilion, for \$350,000. Mr. Brindisi stated that the CIC request was from the Recreation Department for the Town to be able to host a full-day summer camp. Mr. Brindisi noted that an FY23 Goal and Priority of the Select Board was to develop a full-day summer camp. Mr. Brindisi stated that the plan is to use \$100,000 of the Recreation Revolving Fund and request funding for a State park grant, instead of using Town funds.

Ms. Cavacco said she opposes demolishing the Great Hall at Hedges Pond, however, she believes that a pavilion would be beneficial for a summer camp. Mr. Brindisi stated that CPC and Town staff will be meeting at Hedges Pond this week to discuss future usages/demolitions of buildings at Hedges Pond. Mr. Brindisi noted that before Hedges Pond Great Hall can be remodeled, there needs to be a future use assigned to the building. Ms. Cavacco stated that the Hedges Pond future use discussion will be a future Board agenda item.

Ginny Davis, Precinct 4 stated that she has been attending CPC meetings. Ms. Davis noted that the remodeling of the Great Hall would take a considerable amount of funds. She believes that the funding should not come from Town Meetings.

Lee Pulis, South Plymouth resident stated that organizations have offered to donate funds for the renovation of the Great Hall. He believes that the estimated cost of \$3 million is inflated.

Bill Keohan confirmed the CPC and Town staff will be meeting this upcoming Thursday at Hedges Pond.

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by Richard Quintal, the Board voted to recommend and bring forth to Town Meeting, Article 9, as presented.

Voted 5/0 By Roll Call: Mahoney-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Cavacco-Yes

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROJECT PROPOSALS

Brewster Garden Stairs

Ms. Cavacco stated that she is in full support of the project.

Climate Action/Net Zero Plan

Mr. Reil provided background information regarding the proposed Plan. Mr. Reil stated that the request is \$15,000.

Dispatch Consolidation

Ms. Cavacco asked Mr. Brindisi is still in negotiation with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town continues to negotiate and is getting close to an agreement with the dispatchers union. Police Chief Dana Flynn, reiterated that meetings are occurring to negotiate with the union.

Electric Vehicle Purchase

Mr. Reil provided background information regarding the EV purchase. Mr. Reil stated that the Board approved \$118,000 for the purchase of five electric vehicles for the Town's fleet. Mr. Reil stated that the Nissan Leafs are considerably more costly than originally quoted, so he is requesting that the two proposed Nissan Leafs are two Chevy Bolts, which is the cost difference that is being proposed of \$15,820.

On a motion by Charlie Bletzer and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend and bring forth to Town Meeting, Article 9, as presented.

Voted 5/0 By Roll Call: Mahoney-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Cavacco-Yes

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION

Kelsey Casey, Plymouth Public Library Director gave the Strategic Plan Presentation. Ms. Casey stated that the strategic planning process began in October 2021. Ms. Casey stated that the Library held focus groups, made surveys, and gathered data to inform the final plan. Ms. Casey noted that the Library is a community hub. Ms. Casey stated that the Library hopes to purchase book vending machines that could be placed around the Town, to make the Library more accessible. Ms. Casey stated that the Library will focus on sustainability, including holding programs and creating a sustainable garden. Ms. Casey stated that the Library is on all main social media platforms, including TikTok. Ms. Casey stated that the Library will continue to assist adults and children with GED and SAT preparation. Ms. Casey stated that roughly 600 people are going to the Library each day.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED TOWN CHARTER DISCUSSION

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board voted to approve Harry Helm as the Board representative at the PACTV Proposed Town Charter Forum.

Voted 4/0 By Roll Call: Mahoney-Yes, Helm-Abstain, Bletzer-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Cavacco-Yes

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brindisi stated that the contractor, Northern Construction is working on the Water Street Sewer Interceptor Project. Mr. Brindisi noted that there is a temporary traffic pattern change to make Memorial Drive a two-way road, through the month of February. Mr. Brindisi stated that this morning, a water main break occurred at the construction site, which was isolated and turned off. Mr. Brindisi noted the complicated nature of the project. Mr. Brindisi stated that roughly 150 feet of sewer main are complete, for a full total length of 1,100 feet expected to be complete.

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Long Beach Nourishment Program, which received a \$2 million grant from the State began this week. Stephens Field concession stands are being demolished this week. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Stephens Field renovation would begin in late Spring, early Summer 2023. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town is opening bids for the Town Boat Ramp Project.

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Police Department hired a licensed clinician, regarding behavioral health calls. Mr. Brindisi stated that the hire has been successful, and the Department is working to acquire a second clinician. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Department is acquiring a comfort dog, which will be part of the clinician's response to mental health issues.

Mr. Brindisi stated that Cape Cod Community College is hosting classroom space for Town staff to be trained in GIS technology.

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town is auditing Town buildings to determine potential space for AEDs. Mr. Brindisi stated that Town staff are working to organize certifications for staff in CPR and AED training.

SELECT BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Bletzer congratulated Mr. Quintal for being recognized as the Man of the Year for the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mahoney commented on the recent resignation of the DPW Director, Jonathan Beder, and noted his several years of service to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Richard Quintal and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 7:54 p.m.

Voted 5/0 By Roll Call: Mahoney-Yes, Helm-Yes, Bletzer-Yes, Quintal-Yes, Cavacco-Yes

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