

PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

1820 COURTROOM, TOWN HALL, 26 COURT STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA – 4:30 PM
HYBRID PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

4:30PM - CALL TO ORDER

Betty Cavacco, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked Select Board Member, Richard Quintal Jr. 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.

https://pactv.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-cge_vk_Q9KtC8f1ydH61g

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Select Board will hold an Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining, negotiation, or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares.

- Sewer Interceptor Project (Litigation)

The Select Board will hold an Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), clause 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Following Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in open session,

- 30 Town Wharf (Lease)
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5:00 P.M. BACK TO OPEN SESSION

POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk swore-in several Police Officers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Paige, President of Plymouth Retirement Employees Association thanked Ms. Cavacco for her years of service.

Dale Webber, COBRA, President, thanked Ms. Cavacco for her years of service. Mr. Webber presented Ms. Cavacco with a plaque.

Tom Pinto, President of, the Education Association, thanked Ms. Cavacco for her years of service.

Ms. Cavacco thanked the Town of Plymouth for her time on the Board, as this is her last meeting on the Board.

Richard Serkey, Precinct 2, Town Meeting Member, described the lease for 158 Center Hill Road. Mr. Serkey said that Ms. Cavacco should not have sent a letter addressed to the lessee of 158 Center Hill Road. Ms. Cavacco stated that the full Board supported the sending of the letter addressed to the lessee of 158 Center Hill Road.

Mr. Abbott described the background information regarding how the Charter Commission was formed, and how the Proposed New Town Charter was created.

Dan Bell, a Town Meeting member, said that he is not seeking another term as a Town Meeting member. Mr. Bell said that his role does not make an impact. Mr. Bell said that he was frustrated with how Town Meeting can focus on an unpaid bill for 30 minutes.

Steve Lydon, a Plymouth resident, said that the Proposed Town Charter is not representative of Plymouth.

LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

1. The Board will authorize the application for, and (if awarded) acceptance of, a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 through the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council's Supportive Coastal Infrastructure Program, to be applied towards maintenance repairs to Town Wharf.
2. The Board will vote to appoint Sharon LaRosa to the Plymouth Retirement Board, effective immediately, for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Licenses

1. Massachusetts Audubon Society, Tidmarsh, 60 Beaver Dam Rd., Nicole Kikos is requesting a One Day All Alcohol License for June 2, 2023, and June 3, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for an event (Tidmarsh Turns 5!) at the Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary

2. GMRI Inc. d/b/a The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 103 Colony Place Road, is requesting a change of officer(s), as presented in the Agenda Packet

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION PHASE 3

Mr. Brindisi described the formation of a Health and Human Services Department in the Town. Mr. Brindisi stated that under the proposed Department, would be the Health Department, Public Library, Center for Active Living, Recreation, Youth Commission, and Human Rights Commission.

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve the Town Manager's Proposed Reorganization Phase 3.

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

FY23 SELECT BOARD GOALS & PRIORITIES YEAR IN REVIEW PRESENTATION

Mr. Brindisi described the accomplished Goals and Priorities of FY23.

Ensure a Safe and Health Community

Accomplished: Developed a 21st Century 911 Dispatch Center, Expanded School Resource Officer Program, Conducted Comprehensive Fire Operations Study, New PD Comfort Dog and Co-Response Program with Mental Health Clinicians on Patrol with Officers, Land Acquisitions & Infrastructure Improvements to Emergency Services & Decreasing Response Times, Ensuring the Safety of Emergency Housing Residents, Formation and Training of a Sheltering Team, and Exercises to Prepare for Emergencies/Natural Disasters, Formation of Elderly & Disabled Tax Assistance Committee to Implement Tax Assistance Fund.

Commit to Long-Term Financial Planning

Accomplished: Leverage federal & State Revenue Opportunities, Developed a Robust 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan, Sales of Underutilized Town Owned Properties Significant Grant Awards & Applications, Calendar Year 2022 - \$6,486,474 Awarded to Plymouth Calendar Year 2023, Applied for \$25,488,345 in Grants, OPEB Liability Analysis and Forecasting.

Communicate & Engage with the Public

Accomplished: Developed SeeClickFix an Online Reporting System, Implemented a User-Friendly Town Website, Enhanced Customer Service Experience at Town Hall, Implement Kiosk Way-Finders & Citizens' Help Desk, Updated Phone and Answering Systems in Departments, Hybrid Meeting Technology Upgrades at Town Hall (Shallop, Atlantic, Great Hall, 1820 Courtroom). First Hybrid Town Meeting, Hybrid Meeting Owls, Engaged with Local & Regional Media Outlets, Enhanced Town Email List-Serv Communications with a More Expedient Response, Implementation of Social Media Archiving for Town Managed Accounts/Pages, Creation of Town Instagram and LinkedIn Pages with Significant Growth with Engagement and Interactions.

Ensure a Vibrant Economic Development Business Sector

Created an Economic Development Task Force, Implemented OpenGov, an E-Permitting System, Developed One Stop Shop for Town Permitting, Support, Promote, & Enhance the Town's Blue Economy, Developed Bylaws to Encourage Economic Development, Formation

of Graffiti Task Force to Address Vandalism of Properties, American Cruise Lines Agreement.

Improve Town Infrastructure & Environment

Identify & Locate Future Cemetery Land Achieve Green Community Designation, Clean Energy: Electrifying Town Vehicle Fleet, Developed a Tracking Program for Innovative/Alternative Septic Systems, West Plymouth Water Booster Station Agreement with Claremont, Formation of the Simes House Task Force, White Horse Beach Parking, Portable Restrooms Approval of Allerton Park Improvements, Morton Park Traffic & Parking Plan for Summer 2023 Hedges Pond Revitalization, Reformation of Dog Park Committee to Determine Feasibility and Location of Future Dog Parks, Fats, Oils, & Grease Rules & Regulations, Roadway Improvements - Laid 735 Tons of Asphalt, Responded to 525 Pothole Concerns.

Strengthen the Town's Workforce

Improved the Workplace Environment with Employee Engagement, Modernized & Standardized Human Resources Practices, Successful Negotiation of New Health Insurance Agreement with Plymouth Public Employee Committee, Health & Medical Safety Net Program for Town Retirees, Review of Non-Union & OPEIU Position Classifications Updated Personnel Bylaw & Creation of Personnel Code, Developed and Currently Implementing Town Reorganization Plan, Arbitration Process Resolutions, Increased Safety & Compliance Trainings and Programs Improving & Modernizing Human Resources Operations.

Create an Efficient Town Government

Board & Committee Transparency by Developing an Enhanced Agenda Management System and Workflow Tracking Tool, Developed a System for the Issuance of Beach & Pond Stickers and Transfer Station Permits, Formation of Quality Council.

Mr. Quintal said that he is looking forward to the direction the Town is going. Mr. Helm thanked Mr. Brothers and Mr. Brindisi. Ms. Cavacco thanked Board members and Town Administration.

6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING – CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST

Tavern on the Wharf LLC, 6 Town Wharf

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Richard Quintal, the Board voted to approve the Change of Ownership Interest request, as presented.

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

SELECT BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Brindisi provided the Board with an update regarding the Water Street Sewer Interceptor Project. Mr. Brindisi stated that there is an agreement made with Northern Construction Services, to restart the project on May 22, 2023, through June 30, 2023. Mr. Brindisi stated that the project will continue starting in Fall 2023. Mr. Brindisi stated that there will be an upcoming Informational Meeting regarding the project at Town Hall.

Mr. Mahoney presented Ms. Cavacco with a 400 Anniversary Edition of Plimoth Plantation by William Bradford. Mr. Quintal presented a flower arrangement to Ms. Cavacco. Mr.

Bletzer thanked Ms. Cavacco for her hard work and dedication. Mr. Helm thanked Ms. Cavacco for her friendship. Ms. Cavacco thanked her family for their dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 6:06 p.m.

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

Recorded by: Anthony Senesi

Assistant to the Select Board/Town Manager