

PLYMOUTH SELECT BOARD

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

GREAT HALL, TOWN HALL, 26 COURT STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA – 5:00 PM
HYBRID PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

5:00PM - CALL TO ORDER

Richard Quintal, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

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

Present: Richard Quintal Jr., Chairman
Kevin Canty, Vice Chairman
John Mahoney Jr.
Harry Helm
Charlie Bletzer

Derek Brindisi, Town Manager
Brad Brothers, Assistant Town Manager

SWEARING-IN OF NEW SELECT BOARD MEMBERS

Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk, sworn-in Select Board members, Richard Quintal Jr., and Kevin Canty.

SELECT BOARD REORGANIZATION

Kevin Canty nominated Richard Quintal Jr. as Chair of the Plymouth Select Board, and seconded by Charlie Bletzer, the Board voted to approve the nomination. Mr. Quintal accepted the nomination.

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

Charlie Bletzer nominated Kevin Canty as Vice Chair of the Plymouth Select Board, and seconded by Harry Helm, the Board voted to approve the nomination. Mr. Canty accepted the nomination.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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

Voted 5/0 By Roll Call: Mahoney-Yes, Canty-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 \$80,000 through the Massachusetts Community One Stop For Growth Program, to fund an MBTA Communities Multi-Family Zoning Study.

Licenses

1. P & JV Waterfront Inc d/b/a Three V Restaurant Sand Bar, 55 Loring Blvd., Gina Viscariello Albanese, Manager is requesting the following licenses in conjunction with their request for the previously approved transfer of a Seasonal All Alcohol Restaurant License: - Common Victualler - Sunday Entertainment – Live Entertainment (Solo or Duet Musician) 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
2. Maurice Depina d/b/a Dream Motors 2277 State Road, Unit J2, is requesting a New Auto Dealer Class II License.
3. Andrea Ratey d/b/a Spiritual Snips, 42 Steeplebush Way, Andrea Ratey, Owner, is requesting a New Fortune Telling License.

SOLID WASTE, WATER/SEWER RATES PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Lynne Barrett, Director of Finance provided the presentation regarding the FY24 Water/Sewer rates. Ms. Barrett stated that the Town is working with the Water Conservation Committee on their recommendations from a report they made in December 2022. Ms. Barrett stated that they plan to hire an engineering company to determine rates in the coming years. Ms. Barrett stated that there are funds available to hire an engineering company.

Ms. Barrett stated that the Water Rates for FY24 will have an 8% increase per block. Ms. Barrett stated that there were increases in the costs of utilities, chemicals, testing, and debt services on capital projects. Ms. Barrett stated that the Water Retained Earnings balance has decreased to \$357,677 due to \$2.2 million used for capital projects. Peter Gordon, Water Superintendent stated that the \$2.2 million was used for three projects (1) as a match for an over \$3 million grant from the EDA for Manomet pipe replacements, (2) a water source investigation project, (3) water tank improvements, water truck, and other equipment.

Ms. Barrett stated that the Sewer Rates for FY24 will have a 3% increase per block. Ms. Barrett stated that there was a 5.3% decrease in salaries and expenses and a debt service increase of 16%. Ms. Barrett stated that the increase was to maintain the Sewer Retained Earnings Balance. Ms. Barrett stated that there is a decrease in Sewer Bank Receipts due to a decrease in new building projects. Mr. Mahoney asked Ms. Sheila Sgarzi if there are any planned tie-ins into the sewer system. Ms. Sgarzi stated that the DPW has plans for Camelot Park.

Ms. Barrett stated that the Solid Waste Rates – User Fees, would increase by \$10.00 for a 2nd Transfer Station Vehicle, an increase of \$10.00 for a Recycle Only – Transfer Station Vehicle, and an increase of \$5.00 for a Transfer Station Trailer.

Ms. Barrett stated that the increase of the Pay-As-You-Throw bags to \$1.75 per 30 Gallon Bag, and \$1.09 per 15 Gallon Bag. Ms. Barrett stated that the PAYT bags have never increased since the inception of the program 10 years ago. Ms. Barrett stated that the increase would cover some of the costs of the tipping fee for each bag.

Mr. Eric Cody, Former Chair of the Water Conservation Committee, stated that the DPW staff have reached out to him regarding the Committee's recommendations. Mr. Cody recommends that the Board be supportive of the initiatives.

Mr. Quintal asked if there was savings if the services for the Solid Waste program were regionalized. Ms. Barrett stated that the Town Manager will look into reforming the Solid Waste Committee.

Mr. Dale Bryan, Climate Action/Net Zero Committee, noted conservation strategies should be implemented.

Linda Lancaster, stated that she is in support of a seasonal water rate, to curb water usage.

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Kevin Canty, the Board voted to approve and adopt the proposed Water Rates.

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

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Kevin Canty, the Board voted to approve and adopt the proposed Sewer Rates.

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

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Kevin Canty, the Board voted to approve and adopt the proposed Solid Waste Rates.

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

PLYMOUTH FOURTH OF JULY

Mr. Tavares provided an update regarding the Fourth of July festivities.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Brindisi stated that the Town held a Water Street Sewer Interceptor Project information session with area residents and businesses. Mr. Brindisi stated that the Project has resumed as of this week. Mr. Brindisi stated that the project will be paused by June 30, 2023, and the final phase of work will begin in the Fall of 2023, after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Brindisi stated that DPW Day will be this Friday, at Camelot Drive. Mr. Brindisi stated that Memorial Day Parade will be next Monday.

SELECT BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Mahoney stated that the next NDCAP meeting is occurring immediately following the Select Board meeting. Mr. Mahoney has sent to the Town Manager, the split sampling water report.

Mr. Quintal stated that the Board will vote to appoint a representative for the Charter Review Committee at the next Board meeting. Mr. Helm expressed interest in being reappointed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Kevin Canty, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 5:55 p.m.

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

Recorded by: Anthony Senesi

Assistant to the Select Board/Town Manager