

# **PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010**

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Richard J. Quintal, Jr.  
John T. Mahoney, Jr.  
William P. Hallisey, Jr.  
Sergio O. Harnais  
Mathew J. Muratore

Mark Stankiewicz, Town Manager  
Melissa Arrighi, Assistant Town Manager

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Quintal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Town Clerk Laurence Pizer led Mr. Harnais and Mr. Muratore through the oath of service as Plymouth's newly elected Selectmen.

At the close of the swearing-in ceremony and prior to the re-organization of the Board, Chairman Quintal read a prepared statement in which he outlined his accomplishments during his tenure as the Board's Chairman. He congratulated Selectman Harnais and Selectman Muratore and offered his thanks to the outgoing Selectmen, David F. Malaguti and Daniel "Butch" Machado, Jr., for their service to the Town. Chairman Quintal discussed some of the issues that he considers important to the future of the Town, including: the ability of the Town to control health insurance costs; the Town's sister city relationship with Shichigahama, Japan; the focus on economic development during the current economy; and the Plymouth Rock Studios project. He stated that, as Chairman, he has always "led from the heart," and he offered his best wishes to the Board's next Chairman.

## **POST-ELECTION RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

On a nomination by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board elected Selectman Hallisey as its Chairman. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

On a nomination by Chairman Hallisey, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board elected Selectman Mahoney as its Vice Chairman. Voted 4-1-0, approved, with Selectman Quintal casting the opposing vote.

Chairman Hallisey offered the newly-elected Selectmen the opportunity to speak. Selectman Muratore and Selectman Harnais each thanked the voters, their families, and their campaign supporters. Both emphasized their intentions to work collaboratively, supportively, and respectfully with their fellow Board members, regardless of differences or disagreements.

Chairman Hallisey offered his thanks to former Selectman Butch Machado and noted his appreciation for the time and effort that Selectman Quintal invested into his chairmanship.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**AA Status Rating Confirmed** – Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz was pleased to report that the Town has retained its ‘double A’ rating (reviewed by the national rating firms Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s), which will help in garnering the lowest borrowing rates. Given the financial position of the national, state and local economies, he said, the Town’s consistent maintenance of the “AA” rating is a testament to both to the spending restraint shown by Town Meeting and the financial oversight of the Board of Selectmen, Advisory & Finance Committee, and Finance Director Lynne Barrett.

**Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation** – Mr. Stankiewicz informed the Board that he attended the recent meeting of the Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation (“the Foundation”), at which Lt. Governor Tim Murray was an unscheduled guest, upon invitation by Selectman Richard Quintal. The Lt. Governor, he reported, made a brief presentation, spoke on the condition of Massachusetts’ economy, and the efforts that the Patrick Administration is making to retain jobs. Also during the meeting, Mr. Stankiewicz noted, the Foundation heard a presentation on its annual report, discussed recommendations from the Nominating Committee, and approved an economic development bus tour as a marketing tool for Plymouth.

**Audit Committee** – Mr. Stankiewicz provided the Board with a brief synopsis of the recent meeting of Plymouth’s Audit Committee, at which he and four committee members met with representatives from Powers & Sullivan, the Town’s auditors. The Committee, he explained, reviewed several proposed changes to the report and comments submitted by one member of the committee. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that, after the changes were reviewed and approved, the representatives from Powers & Sullivan stated that they would revise and bring a final report before the Selectmen during an upcoming meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: TRANSFER OF ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LICENSE**

Chairman Hallisey opened a public hearing to consider the application for a transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License from TK, Inc., 38 Main Street Extension,

Walter King as Manager, to KKaties, Inc. d/b/a KKaties Burger Bar, 38 Main Street Extension, Keith Steiding as Manager. Chairman Hallisey affirmed that notice of the hearing was given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws and those wishing to be heard on the matter were encouraged to attend.

Keith Steiding addressed the Board on behalf of the license application and described his plans to convert the establishment below the Unity Club at 38 Main Street Extension into a Cambridge-style burger bar. Mr. Steiding briefly discussed his experience in the restaurant industry and his intent to improve the storefront of the establishment, with the hope of officially opening under the new name in approximately four-to-six weeks.

Chairman Hallisey opened the hearing to public comment from those in favor or those opposed to the application for a transfer of license. No citizens came forth to speak to the Board. Chairman Hallisey then closed the hearing to await a motion of the Board.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to approve the transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License from TK, Inc., 38 Main Street Extension, Walter King as Manager, to KKaties, Inc. d/b/a KKaties Burger Bar, 38 Main Street Extension, Keith Steiding as Manager. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

## **LICENSES**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to approve the following list of licenses, as noted/detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

## **LICENSES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PUBLIC HEARING**

### **❖ KKaties Inc. d/b/a KKaties Burger Bar, 38 Main Street Extension, Keith Steiding:**

- Common Victualler
- Comprehensive Entertainment – jukebox, radio, TV, dancing, & live entertainment
- Sunday Entertainment – jukebox, radio, TV, dancing, & live entertainment
- Extension of Hours – 1:00 a.m.
- Early Sunday Opening – 11:00 a.m.

Issuance of the above licenses is subject to approval from the Building and Health Departments.

## **KENO**

### **❖ Manomet General Store, 772 State Road**

### **❖ The Corner Store, 233 Sandwich Street**

The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission will approve a Keno License for the above establishments. If the Board objects, it must claim its right to a hearing before the MSLC within 21 days of receipt of the letters.

## **VEHICLE FOR HIRE (VEHICLE)**

### **❖ Habilitation Assistance Corporation, 434 Court Street:**

- 2003 Ford Crown Victoria – Taxi
- 2005 Ford Crown Victoria – Taxi
- 2006 Chevy Impala – Livery
- 2007 Chevy Impala – Livery (LV31650)
- 2007 Chevy Impala – Livery (LV55492)
- 2001 Lincoln Town Car – Taxi

Note: These licenses do not represent additions to Habilitation Assistance's current vehicle fleet; rather, these represent changes to the use of these previously-approved vehicles (switching taxi to livery use, livery use to taxi). Issuance of these licenses is subject to approval from the Inspectional Services Department.

## **VEHICLE FOR HIRE (VEHICLE)**

### **❖ Total Traveler Transportation, 844 Webster Street, Marshfield:**

- 2003 Ford Crown Victoria – Taxi

Inspectional Services has inspected the vehicle.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**Meeting Minutes / April 3, 2010** – On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2010 Selectmen's meeting. Voted 3-0-2, approved, with abstentions from Selectmen Harnais and Muratore, who did not serve on the Board at the time of the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes / April 13, 2010** – On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 Selectmen's meeting. Voted 3-0-2, approved, with abstentions from Selectmen Harnais and Muratore, who did not serve on the Board at the time of the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Curley of Precinct 2 noted recent and past motor vehicle accidents involving pedestrians at the crosswalk on Court Street in front of Memorial Hall and asked the Board to consider installing a red or yellow flashing traffic light to alert motorists of the crosswalk. Mr. Curley, who said he uses the crosswalk frequently, offered his observation that most motorists do not notice or understand the purpose of the small lights in the pavement lining the crosswalk.

Jeff Marks, Plymouth resident, noted that he attended a recent meeting of the Town's Energy Committee to voice his ideas about bringing wind energy to Plymouth. Mr. Marks claimed that he was treated disrespectfully by the chairman of the committee.

## **BOARD LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

**Solid Waste Advisory and Roads Advisory Committees** – Vice Chairman Mahoney noted the need to advertise vacancies (precipitated by resignations) on the Solid Waste Advisory and Roads Advisory Committees.

Selectman Quintal questioned why the Board would consider appointing new members to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee ("SWAC"), since Town Meeting rejected the committee's advice to approve the proposed SEMASS contract renewal (for solid waste disposal services). This prompted discussion amongst members of the Board regarding the reasons behind Town Meeting's denial of the proposed contract at the 2010 Spring Annual Town Meeting. Vice Chairman Mahoney stated that SWAC and SEMASS are still willing to discuss the contract renewal, despite the setback. Selectman Muratore noted that the Advisory & Finance Committee supported the concept of renewing the contract, despite its concerns pertaining to some of the language in the contract. Chairman Hallisey expressed his hope that members of SWAC will be acknowledged for their efforts and given a second opportunity to work on the contract.

**Plymouth Airport Advisory Group** – Chairman Hallisey explained that it has been difficult for him to attend meetings of the Plymouth Airport Advisory Group ("PAAG"), because the meetings are scheduled on Tuesday evenings when the Board of Selectmen convenes. He noted that he continues to maintain contact with PAAG and will report on any progress made.

## **OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS**

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**Laptops for Meetings / Reduction of Paper Use** – Selectman Muratore inquired if the members of the Board could be provided with laptops for use during meetings, to reduce paper use. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that the IT Department is working on acquiring equipment for the Board. Vice Chairman Mahoney noted that the Selectmen's Assistant can send a copy of the Board's meeting packets, electronically, to each member.

**Wind Turbine Proposal for South Plymouth** – Vice Chairman Mahoney asked if the proponents of a large-scale wind turbine project proposed for South Plymouth could come before the Board to provide an informational presentation. Selectman Quintal added that the Town's Energy Committee should be invited to attend such a presentation. Chairman Hallisey agreed to include the suggested presentation on an upcoming meeting agenda.

**Request for Update on the 1820 Courthouse** – Selectman Quintal requested that staff schedule a progress report from the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority on the status of the 1820 Courthouse for an upcoming meeting.

**Donation of Selectman’s Salary** – Selectman Quintal noted that he attended a recent meeting of the Town’s Insurance Advisory Committee, during which it came to his attention that a Town employee is suffering from serious medical issues. He offered to donate his Selectmen’s salary towards her medical expenses and inquired whether this could be facilitated by the Human Resources Department.

**Committee Designee Assignments** – Mr. Stankiewicz pointed out that, with two newly-elected members, the Board may want to consider making new designee assignments to the Town’s various committees on which a member of the Board is required to serve. Chairman Hallisey and Selectman Muratore both noted their interest in reducing the number of Town committees through consolidation.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

*Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen*