

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: William P. Hallisey, Jr., Chairman
John T. Mahoney, Jr., Vice Chairman
Richard J. Quintal, Jr.
Mathew J. Muratore

Mark Stankiewicz, Town Manager
Melissa Arrighi, Assistant Town Manager

Absent: Selectman Sergio O. Harnais

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hallisey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Events Meeting with Department of Conservation & Recreation – Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz reported the following information from a meeting that was held at the Chamber of Commerce regarding local community events held at Pilgrim Memorial State Park. Present at the meeting were representatives from Town Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, Senate President Therese Murray's Office, and the Department of Conservation & Recreation ("DCR"), along with a handful of local event promoters. The discussion, he said, centered on a new and unexpected schedule of fees that DCR has implemented for use of the park that appear to have placed a burden on event promoters. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that DCR claimed it should have been charging the fees for use of the park for many years prior but only realized this year that it had made an oversight.

Hedges Pond – Mr. Stankiewicz informed the Board that he held a meeting with the Town's Finance Director, DPW Director, Parks & Cemeteries Superintendent, and the chairman of the Community Preservation Committee to discuss the Hedges Pond Recreation Area project and review the costs associated with preparing the site for public use. Roadway construction, electrical conduits, and water service are the main projects necessary to continue with the reconstruction of the site, he said, for which the Community Preservation Committee will seek an estimated \$50,000 in funding from Town Meeting.

Discussion on Sewer Extension – Mr. Stankiewicz discussed the recent meeting of the Extended Building Committee at which the group discussed the Plymouth North High School

and Senior Center projects and the requirement to provide sewer service to the site. Two options were identified by the Town's DPW Director, he noted: (1) extend a pipe along Nook Road from the existing pumping station on Sandwich Street to service the site, exclusively, or (2) intercept and extend infrastructure from the South Street / Long Pond Road area (near the Police Station) in a manner that will allow for future expansion. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that, while more expensive, the second option—recommended by both the Finance Director and the DPW Director—would be the most prudent, as it would effectively meet the requirement for service at the PNHS and Senior Center site whilst providing for future expansion of sewer service to the Long Pond Road / Exit 5 area.

Oliver Neck Road – Mr. Stankiewicz provided information on a meeting held with Town officials and residents of the Oliver Neck Road area to discuss emergency access to this remote section of Town. Residents of Oliver Neck Road would like the Town to take measures—perhaps through the construction of a thru-way—to improve the response time of emergency vehicles, he explained, while other area residents expressed concern over how new access points would increase cut-through traffic through their neighborhoods. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that, by the end of the meeting, residents requested the placement of two articles on the Fall Town Meeting warrant: one addressing a short-term option (gated access for emergency vehicles) and one addressing a long-term option (construction of a thru-way).

Recognition for Veterans Services Officer – At the close of the Town Manager's Report, Chairman Hallisey took a moment to commend the Town's Veteran's Services Officer, Roxanne Whitbeck, for being awarded the prestigious Ganno/Brown Award for Excellence by the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services.

LICENSES

CLASS II AUTO DEALER (NEW)

- ❖ **Northeast Traffic Control Services, Inc.**, 8 Scobee Circle, Scott Spencer, President;
No display, storage or repair of vehicles will occur at this address.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board granted a Class II Auto Dealer License to Northeast Traffic Control Services, Inc. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

PLEDGE OF LICENSE, INVENTORY, AND STOCK IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRANSFER OF STOCK

- ❖ **14 Union Street Corp. d/b/a 14 Union Street**, 14 Union Street, Christopher Tocchio
Pledge made to Mayflower Co-Operative Bank.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board granted a Pledge of License, Inventory, and Stock in Conjunction with a Transfer of Stock (as outlined above) to 14 Union Street Corp. Voted 3-0-1, approved, with an abstention from Selectman Quintal.

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LICENSE

- ❖ **Our House Services** (Philippe Ducrot, 40 Russell Street) requested six (6) One Day Wine & Malt licenses for wine tasting dinners to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the following dates: July 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, and 31, 2010. Liquor liability is in place.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board granted six (6) One Day Wine & Malt licenses (as outlined above) to Our House Services/ Phillippe Ducrot. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR (NEW)

- ❖ For **Mayflower Taxi**, 166 Gunners Exchange Road

- Gregory Ball, 13 Main Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

Issuance of the above license is subject to the CORI background check and driving record review.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board granted a Vehicle for Hire Operator License to Gregory Ball to operate as a driver for Mayflower Taxi. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- ❖ For **Habilitation Assistance**, 434 Court Street

- Derek M. Cash, 30 Wood Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

Issuance of the above license is subject to the CORI background check and driving record review.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board granted a Vehicle for Hire Operator License to Derek Cash to operate as a driver for Habilitation Assistance. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board approved the minutes of the June 8, 2010 Selectmen’s meeting with one correction (the date reported for the Plymouth North High School Groundbreaking Ceremony). Voted 4-0-0, approved.

Fall Town Meeting Warrant – The Board voted to open the October 25, 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 and close it on Friday, August 13, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

State Primary Warrant – The Board approved and signed the Warrant for the State Primary Election to be held on September 14, 2010.

Parking Regulations on Royal Street – The Board approved and executed an amendment to the *Traffic Rules and Orders, Town of Plymouth, Approved of 1954*, Parking, Article V, Section 19, pertaining to the prohibition of parking at the following location:

- East side of Royal Street starting from a distance of 155 feet north of Samoset Street for a distance of 110 feet northerly

Habitat for Humanity / South Pond Street – The Board approved and executed the *Purchase and Sale Agreement* pertaining to the conveyance of property at South Pond Street, listed as Lot 55-89 on Assessors Map 27, from the Town of Plymouth to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Inc., as authorized by Article 24 of the 2008 Fall Annual Town Meeting

Sworn Weighers – The Board appointed the following employees of the T.L. Edwards, Inc. Plymouth facility as sworn weighers for 2010:

- Angus R. Beaton 428 Winter Street, Hanson, MA 02341
- Shaun P. Boucher 344 Elm Street, Unit 104, Milford, NH 03055
- Katherine M. Edwards 71 Southworth Street, Lakeville, MA 02347
- Stephen L. Edwards 173 East Spring Street, Avon, MA 02322

No Place for Hate Membership – The Board voted to remove the following members from the No Place for Hate Committee (“NPFH”), due to extended, unexplained absence.

- Douglas Hagen
- Lynda Thomas LeGay
- Jasmyn Silva

Wild Animal Permit – The Board granted a Wild Animal Permit pursuant to Chapter 23, Article IV of the Town of Plymouth Bylaws to Domenic Ryan of 119 White Horse Road for his English Staffordshire Bull Terrier (male, 2 years old).

Wild Animal Permit – The Board granted a Wild Animal Permit pursuant to Chapter 23, Article IV of the Town of Plymouth Bylaws to William Higgins of 159 Rocky Pond Road for his Pit Bull Terrier (female, 7 years old).

Donation Account for Memorial Clocks – The Board (a) established a gift & donation account for the maintenance and utility costs associated with the Burgess and Rooney Memorial Clocks and (b) authorized the Procurement Officer to expend funds from this account.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Adelman addressed the Board to speak about the recent discussions on sewer expansion for the Plymouth North High School and Senior Center facilities. Ms. Adelman said that, as

a former member of the School Committee, she worked diligently in support of the vote for the override, but, at no time during the Committee's deliberations on the renovation plans does she recall a discussion about sewer expansion. Ms. Adelman acknowledged that the override vote was to include any necessary incidental costs associated with the construction of the school, but she expressed concern that the school project could be delayed for a sewer upgrade that is, in her opinion, the responsibility of the town.

Selectman Muratore reported on a recent conversation he held with Jean Johnson of the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse, during which it was noted that the shelves at the warehouse were nearly bare. He encouraged the public to consider donating canned goods and other non-perishable food items to the Warehouse (which is located in the Plymouth Industrial Park) as quickly as possible.

Chairman Hallisey informed audience members who may have attended the meeting in anticipation of a discussion on harbor moorings that the Board was not scheduled to address that particular topic. Assistant Town Manager Melissa Arrighi noted that she and the Harbormaster are working on a pilot program to deal with the temporary use of vacant moorings, and she encouraged citizens to share their ideas on this matter with her.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CHANGES TO FEE SCHEDULES

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE: BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Ms. Arrighi presented the Town Clerk's request to increase the fee for processing birth certificates from \$10 to \$15, based on the cost to perform the service and comparative fees in other similar communities. The Board of Selectmen and the Advisory & Finance Committee have often asked staff to raise fees incrementally when justified, she said, and, thus, departments are assessing their fee schedules in conjunction with the Board's directive.

Chairman Hallisey opened the hearing to public comment.

Richard Knox of Precinct 4 spoke in opposition to the fee increase, noting his belief that it is time for the Town's departments to live within their assigned budgets.

In response to a question from Chairman Hallisey, Ms. Arrighi stated that the fee for birth certificates has remained unchanged for nearly ten years. Plymouth hosts a hospital with a maternity ward, Ms. Arrighi explained, and, thus, these fees will be borne by citizens from communities across the state and country. Selectman Quintal noted that, from his conversation with Town Clerk Larry Pizer, he is aware of the State's potential plans to implement a universal, statewide fee of \$15 for birth certificates.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted 3-1-0 in favor of raising the fee for processing birth certificates from \$10 to \$15. Selectman Quintal cast the opposing vote.

DPW RECREATION DEPARTMENT: BEACH PARKING LOT STICKER FEE

Ms. Arrighi presented a proposal to increase the fee for the residential Beach Parking Lot Sticker from \$15 to \$25. Based on the limited space at the Town's public beach areas—Plymouth Beach, Morton Park, Fresh Pond, and White Horse Beach—and the range of fees for similar services in comparable communities, Ms. Arrighi asked the Board to consider making the proposed change to the fee for the 2011 summer season. Under this proposal, she noted, the day parking fee for non-residents would remain at \$15.

Members of the Board spent a good deal of time discussing and weighing the merits and drawbacks of the proposal. Selectman Quintal asked for a specific plan as to how the money from the Beach Parking Lot fee will be spent. Ms. Arrighi explained that the Beach Parking Lot fee is a General Fund receipt, which cannot be tracked like an enterprise or revolving fund receipt. Selectman Muratore suggested creating one sticker that would cover many services, i.e. parking in the downtown as well as in the Town's recreation areas.

Ms. Arrighi reiterated the Board's previous requests that staff look regularly at departmental fees to determine that they are based appropriately on associated expenses and commensurate with other comparable communities. The cost of the Beach Parking Lot Sticker, she said, has remained the same for at least six years.

Chairman Hallisey allowed public comment.

Richard Knox questioned how Plymouth could compare its fees with a neighboring beach community like Duxbury, based on such vast differences in geographic size and population.

Pat Adelman asked if the Town planned to check stickers or collect fees at the gate of Nelson Park, when reconstruction is complete. Ms. Arrighi responded that the Town may consider doing so in the future, but no plans are in place at this time.

Kevin Doyle wondered where the public parking spaces at White Horse Beach are located and questioned if they are monitored for sticker compliance.

Keven Joyce agreed with Selectman Quintal's suggestion that the Town be more specific as to what services the Beach Parking Lot Sticker Fee funds. With fewer staff this year to monitor access to these areas, he said, it may not be sensible to increase the fee.

Mr. Stankiewicz reiterated earlier comments made by Ms. Arrighi and Selectman Muratore that the expenditure of General Fund receipts cannot be tracked. To do so would require the creation of an enterprise or revolving fund, he said, which may not be the best solution.

The Board discussed postponing a decision on the Beach Parking Lot Sticker fee until staff could investigate Selectman Muratore's suggestion of creating a singular, all-encompassing sticker for residential services and amenities.

Selectman Quintal stated that he would not support an increase to the Beach Parking Lot

Sticker fee without confirmation that the fee will be spent on the parks/beaches. Selectman Muratore again cautioned the Board against the micromanagement associated with revolving funds. Mr. Stankiewicz debated the philosophy behind fee-based funding, noting, for example, that the Police Department could not sustain its budget on the issuance of fines, nor could the schools operate on fees applied to only those taxpayers with school-age children.

At the close of discussion, Chairman Hallisey closed the hearing. The Board took no action on the request to increase the Beach Parking Lot Sticker fee.

PUBLIC HEARING: TRANSFER OF STOCK (LIQUOR LICENSE)

14 UNION STREET CORPORATION D/B/A 14 UNION STREET

Chairman Hallisey opened a public hearing to consider the application for a Transfer of Stock of 14 Union Street Corporation d/b/a 14 union Street, 14 Union Street, Christopher R. Tocchio as Manager, as follows: 150 shares of Christopher R. Tocchio's common stock in the corporation to Kristian Deyesso. 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.

No representatives from 14 Union Street Corporation came forth to address the request for Transfer of Stock. Seeing no questions or discussion from the Board, Chairman Hallisey opened the hearing to public comment. No citizens came forth to speak. 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 grant the Transfer of Stock, as requested, by 14 Union Street Corporation. Voted 3-0-1, approved, with an abstention from Selectman Quintal.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS

CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Hallisey noted that the Board would appoint one (1) citizen-at-large to the Consolidation Committee, for a term effective July 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011. There were two (2) applicants:

- Richard Knox 1 Blackmers Lane new applicant
- Dale Webber 20 Stafford Street new applicant

Chairman Hallisey reported that the Board received notice that Mr. Webber chose to withdraw his name from consideration, and thus there was only one remaining applicant for the single open seat, Richard Knox. Upon invitation from Chairman Hallisey, Mr. Knox shared a few words with the Board regarding his interest in serving on the committee.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to appoint Richard Knox to the citizen-at-large position on the Consolidation Committee, for a term effective July 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

WEST PLYMOUTH STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairman Hallisey reported that the Board would appoint one (1) citizen to the West Plymouth Steering Committee, for a term effective July 21, 2010 through June 30, 2013. There were two (2) applicants:

- Allen A. Cotti 18 Greenview Drive incumbent
- James P. Simpson 196 Black Cat Road new applicant

Chairman Hallisey stated that the Board received notice that Mr. Simpson could not attend the interview. He invited Mr. Cotti to appear before the Board for a brief interview.

Chairman Hallisey read the names of the two applicants and asked the members of the Board to cast votes for the candidate they wished to appoint. By vote of 4-0, the Board chose to appoint Allen Cotti to the West Plymouth Steering Committee for a term effective July 21, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

VISITOR SERVICES BOARD

Chairman Hallisey noted that the Board would appoint one (1) citizen to the Visitor Services Board, for a term effective July 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011. There were three (3) applicants:

- Richard Cone 31 North Street new applicant
- Robert E. Dawley 5 Sherman Avenue new applicant
- Richard J. Quintal, Jr. 46 Nicks Rock Road incumbent

Chairman Hallisey invited the applicants to appear before the Board, one-by-one, for a brief interview. Each applicant was given the opportunity to introduce him/herself and to answer questions posed by the Board. During the interview period, Mr. Quintal chose to withdraw his application for re-appointment.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to appoint Richard Cone to the Visitor Services Board, for a term effective July 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

WHITE ISLAND POND: PROPOSAL FOR ALUM TREATMENT

Jim Sullivan from the White Island Pond Conservation Alliance and Jeff LaFleur of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association provided a presentation on their respective organizations' joint request that the Town partner with them on a proposed alum treatment for White Island Pond.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that there have been issues with water clarity and quality in the pond due to a proliferation of algae blooms during summer months over the course of several years. While the Conservation Alliance and Cranberry Growers' Association have taken measures that have dramatically reduced the discharge of nutrients into the pond, he said, further treatment will be necessary.

Mr. LaFleur explained that he and the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association have been working collaboratively with the Conservation Alliance to identify what has happened within the pond and how it can be fixed. He referenced a study and report provided by the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") with regards to White Island Pond and displayed maps detailing the various features of the 292-acre pond. Mr. LaFleur asked the Town to take part as a joint applicant for funds for the alum treatment.

Will Stevenson of Whitecotton Environmental (the agency that will provide the alum treatment) addressed the Board to describe the process of applying the alum (sodium aluminate) and the permits necessary to conduct such work.

Mr. LaFleur and Mr. Sullivan responded to questions from the Board with regard to the conditions in the pond, the proposed alum treatment, other means by which the algae blooms can be reduced, and the reasons for bringing the presentation before the Board. Mr. LaFleur explained that the Conservation Alliance and Cranberry Growers' Association are not seeking financial support from the Town but, rather, partnership and cooperation for the sake of grant funding. The fall of 2011 would be the earliest by which the associations could obtain a permit for the alum treatment from DEP, Mr. LaFleur noted.

Chairman Hallisey opened the discussion to public comment.

Pat Adelman asked the presenters to speak of any potential health hazards associated with alum treatments. Mr. Stevenson responded that, while swimmers should not be in the pond during the actual application of the treatment, the pond can be reopened for swimming shortly thereafter. Sodium aluminate is a safe product that is available in supermarkets for making pickles, Mr. Stevenson noted.

Seeing no further comment, Chairman Hallisey closed the discussion and awaited a motion of the Board. Selectman Quintal made a motion to partner with the White Island Pond Conservation Alliance and the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association on the application for an alum treatment for White Island Pond, with the understanding that there will be no associated financial obligation by the Town of Plymouth. Selectman Muratore seconded the motion, and the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor.

INTERSECTION OF PILGRIM TRAIL, MARC DRIVE, SAMOSET STREET

Plymouth citizen Eugene Lane of precinct six addressed the Board regarding his request for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Pilgrim Trail and Marc Drive with Samoset Street. For 13 years since the death of his wife in a car accident at this intersection,

he said, he has been imploring the Town to take action and install lights at this location in the interest of public safety.

Mr. Lane read from a letter he wrote to the Board dated December 17, 2009 in which he cited the history of accidents at the intersection and a record of his warnings to the Town to take action. In his statement, Mr. Lane criticized the Town's Capital Outlay Expenditure Committee for ranking the intersection 19th on the list of capital priorities for FY2011, when, he said, safety-related projects should be prioritized before anything else. The Town, he claimed, could be considered liable for gross negligence due to inaction and/or neglect of duty in this matter. Mr. Lane stated that, if another major accident happens at the intersection, he will go directly to the victim's attorney and encourage the filing of a case of gross negligence against the Town. The primary responsibility of the Selectmen is the public safety of its citizens, and, thus, he asked the Board to issue an executive order to initiate the installation of lights at the intersection of Pilgrim Trail and Marc Drive with Samoset Street.

After Mr. Lane responded to some brief questions from the Board regarding the history of the matter, Mr. Stankiewicz provided the Board with the following information on the Town's response to Mr. Lane's requests. In 2004, he explained, the Town hired the engineering firm of Edwards & Kelsey to assess the intersection and collect traffic data. At the conclusion of the study, it was determined that there was not sufficient traffic volume at the location to support the installation of lights. When the issue was raised again in 2006, the Town hired Edwards & Kelsey to conduct another study, and, at that time, traffic counts were further reduced by 27% as a result of the completion of the new Route 44. From that study came a proposal to reduce the travel lanes along that stretch of road from four to two with one central turning lane, but that proposal was apparently rejected. Former DPW Director Roger Hammond came before the Board in 2007 with a proposal to realign the exits from Marc Drive and Pilgrim Trail into one signaled intersection, and this proposal earned the support of the neighboring residents and the West Plymouth Steering Committee. Since that time, the Town sought—and was awarded—an earmark of State funding (by way of bond bill) for the project, but the money has yet to be released. The cost to conduct land takings, redesign the intersection, and install traffic lights at current market prices is estimated at approximately \$800,000.

Mr. Stankiewicz pointed out that the number of accidents quoted by Mr. Lane during his presentation represents all traffic incidents from Pilgrim Hill Road to the lights at Seven Hills Road, not simply accidents at the intersection in question. While anecdotal experiences at the intersection may appear to some as sufficient justification for such expense, he explained, the proposed project did not rise to the objective standards of trained engineers. With no intent to minimize the tragedy of any accident, Mr. Stankiewicz said, it is important to note that there are many stretches of roads in Plymouth with accident histories—four fatalities associated with Herring Pond Road and 512 traffic incidents at Manomet Four Corners, as only two examples—involving driver error (not necessarily roadway design).

Mr. Lane disputed the cost estimates offered by Mr. Stankiewicz and cited a traffic report conducted by John Diaz that stated a need for traffic lights at the intersection. He discussed the difficulty in making a left turn onto Samoset Street over two lanes of traffic and offered his opinion that engineers can't always be counted upon to recognize common sense.

Members of the Board discussed their thoughts on the matter. Selectman Quintal stated that he has no faith in traffic reports, and he offered his recommendation that the intersection project be placed on the warrant for Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Muratore emphasized the importance of public safety over the recommendations offered in a traffic report, and he, too, expressed support for the project. Chairman Hallisey discussed his personal experiences at the intersection—describing the intersection as dangerous—and voiced support for placing the project on the Fall Town Meeting warrant.

Chairman Hallisey opened the discussion for public comment.

John Montanaro, resident of Plymouth Mobile Home Estates, discussed the difficulty of exiting his housing development, and he asked the Board to install two sets of lights: one at Pilgrim Trail and Samoset Street, and another at Marc Drive and Samoset Street.

Lois Murphy of Plymouth Mobile Home Estates explained that many of the residents of the park are over 55 and fearful of driving through this intersection. Ms. Murphy stated that the \$800,000 estimated to improve the intersection is worth the lives that will be saved.

Lenny Lanzarato, also of Plymouth Mobile Home Estates, expressed disbelief in the studies indicating that traffic has decreased on the section of Samoset Street in question, and he asked Mr. Stankiewicz to report the time of year during which the data was collected. Mr. Stankiewicz reviewed his records and responded that the 2004 study was conducted in August, while the 2006 study was conducted in September.

Pat Adelman noted that, when she served on the Capital Outlay Expenditure Committee, the proposed intersection projects was reviewed and debated at length. Based on traffic reports and the available sight lines approaching the intersection, she said, the committee determined that the most common sense approach to making the intersection more safe was to prohibit left-hand turns (from Pilgrim Trail and Marc Drive).

Selectman Quintal made a motion to move forward with a set of plans for the installation of lights at the intersection for Fall Town Meeting. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion for discussion. Conversation ensued about the costs associated with the project and the state's budget projections for FY2011. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that, if the Town proceeds with the project with its own funds, it is unlikely that the State will release the associated bond bill to reimburse the Town. Vice Chairman Mahoney stated that he would not support sending the project to Town Meeting without further information on the design and funding of the project.

Mr. Stankiewicz sought to clarify the motion made by Selectman Quintal and stated his understanding that the motion was to place an article on the Fall Town Meeting warrant that would allocate a sufficient amount of funds to install a signal at the intersection (Samoset Street, Pilgrim Trail, and Marc Drive). The Board made no objections to Mr. Stankiewicz's clarification of the motion. By vote of 3-1-0, the Board agreed to place an article on the Fall Town Meeting warrant that would allocate a sufficient amount of funds to install a signal at the intersection of Pilgrim Trail, Marc Drive, and Samoset Street. Vice Chairman Mahoney cast the opposing vote.

BOARD LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Plymouth Airport Advisory Group – Chairman Hallisey reported that the Plymouth Airport Advisory Group has reached a win-win consensus to bring both runways at the airport to the same length. With the Federal Aviation Administration’s approval, the Airport Commission may proceed with a Master Plan and the extension of the north-south runway.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Standish Avenue Reconstruction – Selectman Quintal expressed concern that there is not sufficient funding to complete the reconstruction of Standish Avenue. He questioned how the Engineering Department could have made such a miscalculation.

Atlantic Street – Selectman Quintal noted that Atlantic Street has been left in disrepair for nearly five years. He asked that the DPW provide some sort of timetable for completion of the roadway repair. Mr. Stankiewicz stated that he would ask the DPW to provide the Board with a list of roadway projects (with timetables) scheduled within the next two years.

AFSCME Union Negotiations – Selectman Quintal referenced a letter from the AFSCME Union’s business representative regarding what the union claims to be a lack of response from the Town on its contract offers. Ms. Arrighi explained that, because it is the Town Manager’s responsibility to negotiate union contracts, the approach taken by the business agent to initiate direct contact with the Selectmen was unusual. The Town has met with the union several times to negotiate and discuss offers, Ms. Arrighi noted.

Consolidation of Town Committees – Selectman Muratore asked if the Consolidation Committee could expand its scope to include not only the consolidation of Town services but the consolidation of the number of Town committees. Neither the members of the Board nor the Town Manager objected to Selectman Muratore’s proposal.

Nicks Rock Road – Chairman Hallisey asked that the DPW respond to reports of trees protruding into the roadway on Nicks Rock Road.

DPW Review – Vice Chairman Mahoney referenced a previous Town Manager’s Report in which Mr. Stankiewicz stated plans for a comprehensive review of the DPW’s operations. He asked Mr. Stankiewicz to indicate when the report would be completed. Mr. Stankiewicz responded that, given the current workload, he could not offer a specific timeframe on completion of the review.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 10:45 p.m. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen