

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

LITTLE THEATER, PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theater at Plymouth Community Intermediate School, 117 Long Pond Road.

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

Mark Stankiewicz, Town Manager
Melissa Arrighi, Assistant Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hallisey called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to enter executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 6 (Value of Real Property). By roll call: Harnais – yes, Quintal – yes, Mahoney – yes, Muratore – yes, and Hallisey – yes. Chairman Hallisey noted that the Board would return to open session following the conclusion of executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Nelson Park Rededication Ceremony – Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz reported on the well-attended rededication ceremony held for Nelson Memorial Park on August 30, 2010. Mr. Stankiewicz commended Environmental Manager David Gould and the DPW's construction crew for their successful efforts in rehabilitating the park. The reconstruction, he said, cost \$1 million and was funded through a combination of State and Federal grants with in-kind Town labor services. Mr. Stankiewicz expressed his belief that the public will be very happy with the park's new features – an improved connection to the Bike & Rail Trail, a new car-top boat launching ramp, and a children's "splash pad," to name a few.

Hurricane Earl – Mr. Stankiewicz provided a brief recap of the measures the Town’s emergency response departments took in anticipation of Hurricane Earl during the previous week. Under the leadership of Emergency Management Director Aaron Wallace and Fire Chief Ed Bradley, preparations were made to declare a local emergency (to access State and Federal funding/resources), and a temporary shelter was established at Plymouth South Middle School, he noted. Although the storm was not as significant as originally predicted, Mr. Stankiewicz said, the storm provided an opportunity for the Town to demonstrate its preparedness skills and practice for future events of this kind.

Affordable Health Care Act – Mr. Stankiewicz announced that the U.S. Congress recently enacted legislation to promote more affordable health care for early retirees. The Affordable Health Care Act, he said, will provide \$5 billion in temporary funding for employer plans to make health benefits more affordable for participants and sponsors. Mr. Stankiewicz provided information on the program and reported that the Town’s Human Resources Department applied for—and was granted—an 80% reimbursement for eligible retiree claims through January 1, 2014 (or when funds are exhausted).

Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety & Security – Mr. Stankiewicz gave an account of a meeting held between the Town’s emergency response officials and representatives from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety (“EOPSS”) to discuss State programs and financial assistance for the buffer zone protection area around the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. Plymouth’s Police, Fire, and Harbormaster departments will be the first to respond to an emergency at the station, he explained, necessitating the appeal to EOPSS about the need for more advanced training and equipment to deal with major accidents or incidents. Mr. Stankiewicz recounted the reasons given by EOPSS as to why it cannot provide funding directly to municipalities for such requests, but noted that EOPSS will encourage Entergy (owners of Pilgrim) to apply for the next round of buffer zone protection grants.

U.S. Patriot Day / September 11th – Mr. Stankiewicz briefly discussed the events held on September 11th to dedicate memorial clocks to Lance Corporal Jeffrey Burgess and Sergeant First Class Robert Rooney, Plymouth residents and soldiers who lost their lives while in military service. Veterans Agent Roxanne Whitbeck presided over the ceremony, he said, with the assistance of the Plymouth VFW’s Color Guard.

Veterans Memorials – Mr. Stankiewicz noted that his office has received some concerns regarding the memorials erected for Plymouth soldiers killed in recent conflicts. At issue, he explained, is the perceived inequity of individual memorials for some, while others lost (or missing in action) during previous conflicts have either been overlooked or acknowledged in a much more modest manner. Mr. Stankiewicz reported that he held a meeting with the Assistant Town Manager, the Veterans Service Agent, and the Director of Community Resources to discuss the town-wide impact of memorials and the benefit of having a single location to honor Plymouth’s veterans.

Open Meeting Law Seminar – Mr. Stankiewicz announced that the Department of Human Resources has arranged a seminar for Plymouth’s elected and appointed officials on recent changes to the Open Meeting Law. The seminar, he said, will be conducted by Betsy Lane of Kopelman & Paige (Town Counsel) at 6:00 p.m. on September 21, 2010 at Town Hall.

LICENSES

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board approved the following One Day All Alcohol Liquor Licenses, as listed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Plymouth Guild for the Arts / Terry Cole** requested a One Day All Alcohol License for the Art Guild's annual juried art show opening to be held at the Arts Center at 11 North Street from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on September 24, 2010. Liquor Liability Insurance is in place and trained staff will serve the alcohol. Plymouth Guild for the Arts is a non-profit organization.
- ❖ **Laurie Saver** (190 Plymouth Street, Pembroke) requested a One Day All Alcohol License for a wedding event to be held at the Loring Library (386 Court Street) from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on October 9, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Liquor Liability Insurance is in place and a professional bartending service will serve the alcohol.

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board approved the following One Day All Wine & Malt Liquor Licenses, as listed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Our House Services / Linda Ducrot** (40 Russell Street) requested four (4) One Day Wine & Malt licenses for wine tasting dinners to be held at 40 Russell Street from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on September 17, 18, 24, and 25, 2010. Liquor Liability Insurance is in place.
- ❖ **Wilson & Heywood Gallery** (Ronald Wilson, 17 Main Street) requested a One Day Wine & Malt License for an opening reception at the art gallery to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 16, 2010. Liquor liability will be in place.

VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR (NEW)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board approved the following Vehicle for Hire Operator License, as detailed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ For **Mayflower Taxi** (166 Gunners Exchange Road)
 - Christopher Wyman, 5 Hamilton StreetIssuance of the above license is subject to the CORI background check and driving record.

VEHICLE FOR HIRE (VEHICLE)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board approved the following Vehicle for Hire (Vehicle) License, as detailed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **South Shore Taxi** (85 Sandwich Street, Sadek Ghazzawi, Owner)

- 2000 Nissan Quest – Taxi
- 2001 Mercury Marquis – Taxi
(Patriot Transportation leases this vehicle from South Shore Taxi)

These two vehicles are replacing two previously-approved vehicles. Inspectional Services has inspected these vehicles.

EARLY SUNDAY SALES (AMENDMENT)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board approved the following amendments to existing Early Sunday Liquor Sales, as detailed below. Voted 4-0-1, approved, with an abstention from Selectman Quintal.

❖ The following licensees that currently have an 11:00 a.m. Early Sunday Sales Permit have applied for the 10:00 a.m. Early Sunday Sales Permit (now allowed by the State):

- Sandy Pond Golf Inc., 450 Little Sandy Pond Road
- Richard's Black Orchid, Inc. d/b/a Isaac's Restaurant, 114 Water Street
- Waverly Oaks Golf Club, Inc., 444 Long Pond Road
- Ernie's Inc., 330 Court Street

EARLY SUNDAY SALES (NEW)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board approved the following Early Sunday Liquor Sales permit, as detailed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **Capitol Hospitality Group Inc.**, d/b/a On the Rocks Tavern (42 Court Street) applied for a 10:00 a.m. Early Sunday Sales permit.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board approved the following Request for Temporary Closure. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **The American Legion** (199 Federal Furnace Road) requested permission to suspend operations from November 1, 2010 to May 1, 2011. Due to flooding, the Legion has been using its outdoor pavilion, but with the cold weather approaching, the use of the pavilion will not be an option.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board approved the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Selectmen’s meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Easement for Utility Service at PNHS Site – The Board approved and executed an *Easement* agreement granting NSTAR Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. the right and easement for utility poles, underground lines for distribution of electricity, and lines for control, relay, and communication purposes over, across, upon, and under a certain parcel of land at 41 Obery Street and 44 Nook Road (Plymouth North High School).

Committee Term Correction – The Board corrected the term expiration date assigned to John Risso on the Agricultural Committee from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Acceptance of Donation – The Board accepted, with gratitude, a donation of \$5,000 from Entergy Nuclear Generation Company for costs associated with the Police Department’s K-9 Unit and other Special Operations units.

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 two (2) Pit Bull Terriers (1 female, 4 months old; 1 male, 4 months old).

Exclusive Vending Rights – The Board granted exclusive vending rights to Jordan Hospital for its Beat Cancer Boot Camp Kick-Off event to be held at Pilgrim Memorial State Park on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Hallisey opened the meeting to public comment. No citizens came forth to address the Selectmen.

NSTAR: LOWER S.E. MASS. 345kV TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Henry V Oheim, Jr., Project Director for NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation (“NSTAR”), provided a PowerPoint presentation on NSTAR’s plans to improve its high-voltage transmission lines that supply power to southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod.

In his presentation, Mr. Oheim displayed maps and data outlining the proposed project, via which NSTAR will construct a third, standalone 345kV transmission line along its existing right-of-way. The basic reason behind the endeavor, he said, is to (a) resolve electric reliability issues for southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod and (b) provide customers with a more cost-effective and environmentally responsible delivery of electric service. Mr.

Oheim stated that the preferred route for the additional transmission line runs through Plymouth, hence the reason for bringing the presentation to the Selectmen.

Mr. Oheim provided several details related to NSTAR's transmission system, the plans for construction of the 345kV line, and the costs and permitting associated with the project. Construction, he said, is expected to begin in November 2011, with completion anticipated for December 2012.

Members of the Board posed questions and comments to Mr. Oheim regarding the proposed project. Selectman Harnais expressed concern regarding the removal of vegetation along NSTAR's right-of-way where the transmission lines run through a section of the Ponds of Plymouth subdivision (near approximately six homes) and how it would visually impact the neighborhood. Selectman Harnais also asked if there were measures that NSTAR could take to curb the use of dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles along the right-of-way. Selectman Muratore inquired if the Town will receive increased tax revenue for the infrastructure upgrade. Mr. Stankiewicz confirmed that the addition of infrastructure along the right-of-way will constitute a revised tax assessment of NSTAR's personal property. Mr. Oheim estimated the additional annual tax revenue at approximately \$200,000, based on current tax rates. Vice Chairman Mahoney asked Mr. Oheim to discuss NSTAR's efforts to notify residents of its plans. Mr. Oheim affirmed that NSTAR will contact the various property owners and neighborhood associations who may be affected by the transmission reliability project.

Seeing no further questions or discussion, Chairman Hallisey thanked Mr. Oheim for his informational presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING: VISITOR SERVICES BOARD LEGISLATION

Chairman Hallisey reconvened (continued from August 31, 2010) a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the legislation establishing Plymouth's Visitor Services Board (Article 30 of the 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting). He opened the discussion to comment from the public.

Genevieve Jaeger, a member of the Visitor Services Board ("VSB"), addressed the Board to offer input on the proposed changes. Ms. Jaeger explained that the only change supported by the VSB relates to the seat on the 7-member board that is nominated by the Plymouth Development & Industrial Corporation ("PDIC"), an entity that is no longer active. The VSB, she noted, voted to recommend that the seat in question be designated for a member of Plymouth's hospitality industry, by appointment of the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Jaeger discussed a memo that she sent to the Board (received September 14, 2010) in which she outlined her thoughts on the proposed changes and provided some general background information on VSB's membership and funding history.

A brief discussion ensued between Ms. Jaeger and Assistant Town Manager Melissa Arrighi regarding the changes that were presented to—and discussed by—the VSB. Ms. Jaeger noted her belief that the VSB was asked to review three specific changes proposed by the Town

Manager's Office. Ms. Arrighi explained that the VSB could have taken liberty to discuss and offer changes outside of the three suggestions proposed. Ultimately, Ms. Jaeger said, the VSB questioned the need for making changes to its current structure and function, with the one exception of the seat designated to the now-defunct PDIC.

Karen Buechs spoke to the Board in support of the proposed changes and the use of VSB funds towards the sister city exchange between Plymouth and Shichigahama, Japan, noting her belief that the relationship is valuable to tourism.

Selectman Quintal referenced his tenure as a member of the VSB and explained the reasons behind the modifications he has proposed to the VSB's establishing legislation. Plymouth has grown and changed since the VSB's inception, he said, and, thus, it is time for the function of the VSB to reflect the current needs of the community. Selectman Quintal pointed to the 400th Anniversary Celebration in 2020 and the need for parking infrastructure to accommodate the multitude of visitors that the event is expected to draw. The Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation ("PGDC"), he said, should be responsible for such infrastructure, while the VSB should handle tourism promotion and community events. He noted the following changes he has recommended for the VSB:

- Increase the number of members on the VSB from seven to nine
- Remove the required 10% minimum expenditure of VSB funds and redirect those funds to the PGDC; apply all Town Promotion funding towards promotional programs and events
- Allocate a standard, annual amount of funding from the VSB budget for the 2020 celebration budget, July 4th parade, and Thanksgiving parade

Members of the Board posed questions and discussed some of the proposals made by Selectman Quintal. Ms. Arrighi explained that, though the Board Selectmen cannot mandate how the VSB expends the Town Promotion Fund (aside from the requirements set forth in the establishing legislation), it appoints the membership of the VSB and can offer its recommendations to both the VSB and to Town Meeting. Selectman Quintal urged the Board to consider changing the legislation so that its directives or expectations can be clearly defined, rather than issuing recommendations.

Discussion ensued between Selectman Muratore, Ms. Arrighi, Selectman Quintal, and Ms. Jaeger in an effort to clarify Selectman Quintal's recommendation to eliminate the VSB's required expenditure ranges in exchange for applying the entire Town Promotion Fund to promotional programs and events. Ms. Jaeger discussed the challenges faced by the VSB to split Town Promotion funding amongst all of the applicants and how the annual earmarking of funds for specific events will hamper the VSB's ability to provide seed money to new events and programs. Chairman Hallisey advocated for better communication between the VSB and the PGDC.

After some brief final discussion amongst members of the Board prior to the closing of the hearing, Selectman Muratore made a motion to table the decision on Article 30 to October 5, 2010. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

FALL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody and control of the property located at South Russell Street, Plymouth, MA, shown as Assessors' Map 19, Lot and Plat: 019-000-002-000, commonly known as the 1820 Courthouse, from the Board of Selectmen for the purposes for which it is currently held to the Board of Selectmen for the same purposes, and also for the purpose of conveyance of an historic preservation restriction in said property meeting the requirements of G.L. c.44B, §12 and G.L. c.184, §§31-33; it is anticipated that such action, in addition to meeting the requirements of the Community Preservation Act, may make the Town and/or Redevelopment Authority eligible for grant funds from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund for the preservation of the Courthouse building, or take any other action relative thereto.

PLYMOUTH REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Dean Rizzo, Secretary of the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority ("PRA"), explained that, in order to qualify for funding through the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund, the 1820 Courthouse must hold a preservation restriction through the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Article 9, he said, will allow for the placement of the restriction (through vote of Town Meeting) on the sections of the courthouse dating back to 1820 and 1857.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend Article 9 to the 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a parcel of land with building thereon, shown on Assessor's Map 46, Lots H181-16A and H181-015, identified as 29 Manomet Point Road, from the Town Treasurer for the purpose of sale to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen, to convey said parcel of land and building thereon, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient on behalf of the Town of Plymouth to affect said conveyance, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, including payment of nominal consideration, or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Randy Parker, chairman of the Manomet Village Steering Committee ("MVSC") and member of the Simes House Foundation, presented an article to transfer the property at 29 Manomet Point Road (otherwise known as the Simes House) from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance or sale.

The MVSC, Mr. Parker said, supports the use of 29 Manomet Point Road as a village common for Manomet. Article 17, he explained, will allow the Town to convey or sell the property to a private group such as the Simes Foundation, a private organization (recently filed with Secretary of State) interested in facilitating the preservation, maintenance, and operation of the property. The Foundation, he said, plans to file for non-profit status so that it can fundraise and seek grants for the restoration and maintenance of the circa-1847 Victorian-style home and surrounding property, which was taken via tax title by the Town in December

2009. Mr. Parker provided the Board with further information about the Simes Foundation and its ideas for the use of 29 Manomet Point Road as a community facility and village green.

Mr. Parker responded to some brief questions about the structure's current state and the Simes Foundation's plans to revitalize and oversee the property. Following some brief discussion, Selectman Muratore made a motion to recommend Article 17 to the 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, or otherwise fund, the sum of \$75,000, to be expended by the Town Manager in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, for the preparation of an Historic Structures Report for the preservation of the historic 1820 Plymouth County Court House, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Bill Keohan, chairman of the Community Preservation Committee ("CPC"), introduced the articles sponsored by the CPC, noting that none will require any additional funds from the Town other than that which is already in the Community Preservation account.

Paul Withington, member of the CPC, presented Article 12, the first Town Meeting action upon which the CPC's vote was not unanimous. The article, he explained, seeks \$75,000 in Community Preservation funds for the purpose of conducting a Historical Structures Report for the 1820 Courthouse. Mr. Withington provided a brief background on the Town's acquisition of the courthouse, which is now in the custody of the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority ("PRA") via a ground lease with the Town. At question, he said, is the PRA's ability to use money from the remaining balance of CPC funds (allocated by Town Meeting to purchase and stabilize the property) for a Historic Structures Report (for which Town Counsel has since stated that the PRA cannot use the remaining balance from the purchase). A majority—but not the entirety—of the CPC felt that the Town should honor its commitment to the rehabilitation of the property by allocating \$75,000 for the study through a separate article so that the PRA can move forth with its goals, he noted.

Mr. Withington responded to questions from Selectman Muratore about the disagreement amongst members of the CPC on Article 12. The committee, Mr. Withington explained, was uncomfortable with asking Town Meeting for the allocation of additional CPC funds while a remaining balance was still available from the purchase of the building. Many on the committee were convinced, he said, by the PRA's assertion that a Historic Structures Report must first be conducted prior to the initiation of any major renovation work on the courthouse.

Mr. Keohan fielded questions from the Board regarding work completed thus far at the site and the timeline associated with occupation of the structures at the courthouse property. Vice Chairman Mahoney asked Mr. Rizzo to speak on behalf of the PRA and 1820 Courthouse Consortium about the request for the Historic Structures Report.

Mr. Rizzo insisted that the PRA cannot move forward with the preservation and rehabilitation

of the 1820 Courthouse without proper study and planning. The Historic Structures Report, he said, is absolutely necessary to the short-term planning phase and the pursuit of historic preservation grants. It is the PRA's belief, he said, that some of the remaining funds from the purchase of the courthouse may be used for the Historic Structures Report, but, if Town Counsel has said otherwise, the PRA must seek the funds from Town Meeting via the CPC.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Rizzo and the Board with regard to how long it will take the Consortium and PRA to ready the building for occupation. Members of the Board offered their thoughts on the courthouse purchase and Article 12. Chairman Hallisey opened the discussion to public comment.

Karen Buechs recommended against approval of Article 12, noting that, as a Town Meeting member, she did not vote in favor of purchasing the 1820 Courthouse.

Chairman Hallisey and Selectman Quintal voiced concerns about the 1820 Courthouse project and the ultimate investment required to complete and occupy the building. Vice Chairman Mahoney expressed his disappointment over the divisiveness created by the 1820 Courthouse issue and wondered if the project could be segmented for shared use by both public and private entities. At the close of discussion, Selectman Quintal made a motion to recommend Article 12 to the 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion, and the Board voted 0-5-0. With five votes against recommendation of Article 12, the motion did not carry.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, or otherwise fund, a sum of money as a grant to the Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless for the acquisition of the multi family residence located at 368-370 Court Street, Plymouth MA, shown as Assessors Map 1, Lot 3-2, for community housing purposes, and to authorize the Town Manager, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with said Taskforce for the Homeless setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the funds may be expended, which agreement shall include a requirement that the creation and use of the affordable housing units shall be eligible for inclusion on the Subsidized Housing Inventory maintained by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Town of Plymouth, and a requirement that the Taskforce for the Homeless grant to the Town an affordable housing restriction(s) in the property, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an affordable housing restriction(s) on said property, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Keohan noted that the CPC voted unanimously to recommend the allocation of \$400,000 to the Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless for the acquisition of a multi-family residence at 368-370 Court Street. The property is located in a commercial area with only one residential abutter, he said, and, if purchased with CPC funds, it would be deed restricted as affordable. The Taskforce for the Homeless, Mr. Keohan noted, has rented this property for nearly five years and will meet with the North Plymouth Steering Committee to discuss any concerns the neighborhood might have.

Selectman Quintal noted that, whether or not Article 13 receives Town Meeting Approval, the

Taskforce will continue to rent space within 368-370 Court Street. While the Taskforce has thus far been responsible neighbors at this location, he said, he would like the Police Department to provide input on how it will monitor the building's occupancy by sex offenders. He also asked that the Town include a mechanism in the conveyance agreement to recoup CPC funds, in the event the Taskforce decides to sell the property in the future. Mr. Keohan responded that Town Counsel routinely builds such protective language into these kinds of agreements.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to table its decision on Article 13 to October 12, 2010. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, the sum of \$66,000.00 as a grant to the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority for the renovation of 217 Roxy Cahoon Road, shown as Assessors Map 57, Lot 60a-008, for the purpose of support of community housing, and to authorize the Town Manager, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with said Redevelopment Authority setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the funds may be expended, which agreement shall include a requirement that the creation and use of the affordable housing units shall be eligible for inclusion on the Subsidized Housing Inventory maintained by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Town of Plymouth, and a requirement that the Redevelopment Authority grant to the Town an affordable housing restriction(s) in the property, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a affordable housing restriction(s) on said property, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Keohan provided information on Article 14, representing the granting of funds to the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority for the renovation of property taken in tax title on Roxy Cahoon Road for the purpose of affordable housing.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend Article 14 to 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 4-0-0, approved. *[Note: Selectman Quintal was not in the meeting room at the time of this vote.]*

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, or otherwise fund, the sum of \$975,000.00 to be expended by the Town Manager, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, for the creation, restoration and rehabilitation of land for recreational use, in particular the creation of a Town Day Camp and Public Park at the Hedges Pond Recreational Area and Preserve, including, but not limited to, implementation of the Weston and Sampson Master Plan for renovations of existing buildings, and creation of basket ball courts, tennis court, play ground areas, refurbished beach area, pavilion, picnic area and a baseball and multi-purpose playing field, including all expenses incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Keohan explained that Article 15 represents funding for the second phase of the Hedges

Pond Recreation Area project. The \$975,000 allocation, he said, will be used to construct the day-camp features of the park, which will generate revenue towards the ongoing operation of the recreation area.

At the request of the Board, DPW Recreation Director Barry DeBlasio provided a brief review of his department's plans for the recreational amenities at the day camp, which will include a beach area for swimming, tennis and basketball courts, playing fields, a playground area, and a pavilion.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend Article 15 to 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

ARTICLE 16A

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or otherwise for open space purposes pursuant to the Community Preservation Program and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth of a fee simple interest or less to 10.95 acres of land, more or less, in the Town of Plymouth located off of Drew Road shown on Assessors Map 88 as Lot 25 and further that said land shall be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; and as funding therefor to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow the sum of \$200,000.00 pursuant to G.L. c.44B or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum and issue notes and bonds therefor; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction in said property pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §12 and G.L. c.184, §§31-33; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Article 16A, Mr. Keohan said, represents the proposed acquisition of property located off Drew Road which will (a) enhance trail connections between the Eel River Preserve and the Town Forest and (b) protect a water resource in the Fuller Farm Road area (Great South Pond).

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to recommend Article 16A to 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

ARTICLE 16B

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or otherwise for open space purposes pursuant to the Community Preservation Program and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth of a Conservation Restriction on 40 acres of land, more or less, in the Town of Plymouth located off Russell Mills Road shown on Assessors Map 83 as Lot 19J and further that said interest in land shall be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission,, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; and as funding therefor to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow the sum of \$169,000.00 pursuant to G.L. c.44B or any other enabling authority for the said purchase, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum and issue bonds and notes therefor; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Keohan explained how the acquisition of 40 acres off Russell Mills Road, requested through Article 16B, will also protect Plymouth's water resources and improve the trail connection of Town-owned land at the Eel River Preserve (off Boot Pond Road) and the Russell Mill Preserve (off Long Pond Road).

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to recommend Article 16B to 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

ARTICLE 16C

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or otherwise for open space purposes pursuant to the Community Preservation Program and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth of a fee simple interest or less to 18 acres of land, more or less, in the Town of Plymouth located off Center Hill Road shown on Assessors Map 52 as Lot 26-U, 27A, 9C and 9F and further that said land shall be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; and as funding therefor to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow a sum of money pursuant to G.L. c.44B or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum and issue bonds and notes therefor; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction in said property pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §12 and G.L. c.184, §§ 31-33; or take any other action there on.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The acquisition of approximately 18 acres off Center Hill Road via Article 16C, Mr. Keohan said, will further expand and protect the Center Hill Preserve. The family who owns the property is currently in discussion with the CPC to sell the land to the Town with the understanding that it be protected as open space.

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to recommend Article 16C to 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

ARTICLE 16D

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or otherwise for open space purposes pursuant to the Community Preservation Program and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth of a fee simple interest or less to 23.4 acres of land, more or less, in the Town of Plymouth located off Quail Run Road shown on Assessors Map 61 as Lot 1, and further that said land shall be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission, , and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase; and as funding therefor to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, and/or borrow the sum of \$100,000.00 pursuant to G.L. c.44B or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum and issue notes and bonds therefor; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction in said property pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §12 and G.L. c.184, §§31-33; or take any other action there on.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Lastly, Mr. Keohan presented Article 16D, representing the acquisition of approximately 23

acres of land off Quail Run Road for the protection of water quality at the Savery Pond Well and the enhancement of trail connections between the State Forest and Ellisville Harbor.

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to recommend Article 16D to 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Promotion Fund created pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1993, a sum or sums of money for programs and projects that enhance the beautification, recreational resources, public safety, promotional and marketing activities, events, services and public improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ms. Arrighi presented the request to use \$8,700 from the Town Promotion Fund towards the cost of sending a Plymouth delegation to Shichigahama, Japan in honor of the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship. In addition to the \$8,700, Ms. Arrighi explained, \$2,000 from the Distinguished Visitors Account and \$2,000 from the FY2011 Budget will be used to cover the \$12,700 anticipated expense to provide honorary gifts for Shichigahama officials and airfare for the delegation.

Selectman Quintal stated that he would not accept any money towards his trip to Shichigahama with the delegation and asked that the money be re-allocated towards the Thanksgiving Parade.

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend Article 7 to 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 4-1-0, approved, with Selectman Quintal casting the opposing vote.

BOARD LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Roads Advisory Committee – Selectman Harnais reported that the Roads Advisory Committee voted to initiate the process of accepting 23 private roads as public ways.

400th Anniversary Committee – Vice Chairman Mahoney reminded the Board and the public that the 400th Anniversary Committee will hold an event at the Mayflower II on September 16, 2010 to unveil the official logo for the 400th Anniversary Celebration.

Council on Aging – Selectman Muratore noted that the Friends of the Council on Aging have discussed the possibility of hiring an individual to assist with the process of achieving accreditation for the Plymouth Council on Aging.

Plymouth Airport Advisory Group – Chairman Hallisey informed the Board that the Plymouth Airport Advisory Group continues to meet, though it is close to finalizing its mission.

Industrial / Commercial Land Study – Chairman Hallisey noted that the Industrial / Commercial Land Study Committee held its first meeting, at which it organized and elected officers.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Four-Day Hours at Town Hall – Selectman Quintal suggested that the Board consider returning Town Hall’s hours to a five-day schedule. While some energy savings may have been achieved since the implementation of a four-day schedule (closing Town Hall on Fridays), he said, Town Hall staff—or the Town Manager’s Office staff, at the least—need to be available to constituents on a five-day basis [*see motion made later in the meeting, below*].

Green Energy Audit – Selectman Quintal inquired why Plymouth is not eligible for a Green Energy Audit through the State’s Division of Green Communities.

Town Wind Turbine Projects – Selectman Quintal questioned the delay in getting Plymouth’s wind turbine projects off-the-ground. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that there were some issues with the bids for the turbine projects that have hampered the Energy Committee’s efforts to move forth.

Naming of Softball Field – Selectman Quintal read aloud a letter from the family of Jennifer Kane, a Plymouth native who was killed in the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center, in which they request the naming of a softball field in her honor.

Crosswalk on Court Street – Selectman Quintal noted that the Bartlett-Santos Funeral Home would like the Town to reinstate a crosswalk on Court Street in North Plymouth which ran from the St. Mary’s Parish Center to the funeral home.

Responsible Contractor Bylaw – Selectman Quintal stated that he spoke with Plymouth resident Scott Gustafson about working with him and Selectman Harnais on changes to the Town’s Responsible Contractor Bylaw.

Goal-Setting Session – Selectman Quintal made a suggestion that the Board initiate a goal-setting session to discuss its ideas for the upcoming year and the process for staff evaluations.

Fence Along Conservation Property – Vice Chairman Mahoney asked staff to follow up on a letter from a property owner regarding the improper placement of a fence along the Herries Property (acquired for conservation purposes by the Town).

Four-Day Hours at Town Hall (revisited) – Selectman Quintal made a motion to reopen Town Hall on Fridays as soon as possible. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion.

Ms. Arrighi explained that, when she brought the idea of the 4-day work week before the Board in late 2009, she asked for at least a one-year trial of the new hours, which were

intended to provide the public with the convenience of extended evening hours (Monday through Thursday) while achieving budgetary savings on energy and staff overtime. Selectman Muratore stated his belief that Town Hall's operational hours should be discussed as part of the budget process. Vice Chairman Mahoney did not object to returning to a five-day week at Town hall, so long as the new evening hours remained in place for residents. Selectman Harnais expressed a willingness to allow the 4-day / extended-hour week to remain in place for one year before reviewing the results of the energy and overtime savings in the course of the budget process. Chairman Hallisey noted that he has received negative feedback about the closing of Town Hall on Fridays.

The Board voted 2-3-0 on Selectman Quintal's motion to reopen Town Hall on Fridays as soon as possible, with Selectmen Mahoney, Muratore, and Harnais casting the opposing votes. The motion did not carry.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen