

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

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

Melissa Arrighi, Assistant Town Manager

Absent: Vice Chairman John T. Mahoney, Jr.
Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairman Hallisey noted that the Selectmen wore pink shirts in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Selectmen, he said, would donate money for the ability to dress casually at the meeting to breast cancer research.

Chairman Hallisey also made note of the “flock” of pink flamingo yard ornaments that surrounded the Board’s desk area (to be addressed during public comment).

LICENSES

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to approve the following list of licenses, as detailed below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

EARLY SUNDAY SALES (AMENDMENT)

- ❖ The following licensees that currently hold an 11:00 a.m. Early Sunday Sales permit applied for the 10:00 a.m. Early Sunday Sales permit now allowed by the State.
 - The John Carver Inn & Spa, 25 Summer Street
 - Chili’s Grill & Bar, 2 Plaza Way

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE

- ❖ **St. Bonaventure Parish Church** (John Blaha, State Road) requested a One Day Wine & Malt License for the parish's Oktoberfest Dinner to be held from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on October 23, 2010. Liquor Liability Insurance is in place.

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE

- ❖ **Plymouth Center for the Arts** (Richard Mulcahy, 11 North Street), requested a One Day All Alcohol License for its New England Water Color Reception event, to be held from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on October 23, 2010. Liquor Liability Insurance is in place and professional bartenders will serve the alcohol.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes / September 21 – On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 Selectmen's meeting. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

Meeting Minutes / September 28 – On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Selectmen's meeting, with minor corrections offered by Selectman Muratore. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Hines of the Plymouth Networking Group provided the Board with an explanation on the "flock" of pink flamingoes surrounding the Board's meeting area. The Plymouth Networking Group, she said, is a collaborative of businesses that work with seniors. Ms. Hines informed the Board that the Networking Group has partnered with the Sunrise Rotary Club of Plymouth to raise money for the provision of search and rescue equipment for persons who may be at risk for wandering. Businesses and groups who have been "flocked," she said, are asked to make a small donation towards the provision of tracking equipment for families who cannot afford the devices. With the donation, Ms. Hines explained, the Board will be given the identity of the person or organization who requested the "flocking."

Liisa Budge Johnson from the Sheriff's Department talked about the technology used to find persons who go missing and the trained staff within the Sheriff's Department who, with the equipment, can locate a wandering person equipped with a tracking device within 23 minutes of deployment. The Sheriff's Department, she said, hopes to have the program ready for the Town of Plymouth by mid-November.

Upon donations made by Selectman Muratore and Selectman Quintal, Ms. Hines reported that the Old Colony Memorial orchestrated the "flocking" of the Selectmen. Ms. Hines notified

the public that contributions toward the search and rescue equipment can be made to the Sunrise Rotary Club of Plymouth at 1 Village Green North, Suite 124, Plymouth, (508) 830-3904.

FALL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

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

William Keohan, chairman of the Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”), reported that the Selectmen had tabled their decision on Article 13 (the acquisition of a multi-family residence at 368-370 Court Street for the Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless) until the North Plymouth Steering Committee (“NPSC”) had an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

The NPSC, Mr. Keohan said, was contacted and has since given an affirmative recommendation on the proposal. He also confirmed that a ‘reverter’ clause is included in the arrangement between the Town and the Taskforce, ensuring that the Town recoups its money in the event the Taskforce decides to sell the property. Mr. Keohan noted that the Board was provided with information on the small number of visits paid to the house by the police during the nearly five years that the Taskforce has rented the property.

Selectman Quintal expressed his satisfaction with the follow-up conducted by Mr. Keohan with the NPSC and with Town Counsel (about the reverter clause). The Taskforce has thus far been responsible neighbors at this location, he said, which abuts property that he owns.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to recommend Article 13 to the 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

MULTI-MODAL PARKING FACILITY ALTERNATIVE LOCATION STUDY

John Burke, Executive Director for ParkPlymouth (a program of the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation) provided a presentation on the request for partnership on a study

that would determine Plymouth's parking and transit facility needs. The partnership, he reported, is defined in the scope of a Memorandum of Agreement between three entities—the Town of Plymouth, the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation (“PGDC”), and the Greater Attleboro Regional transit Authority (“GATRA”).

Since the introduction of MBTA train service to Plymouth, Mr. Burke explained, the need for interconnected transportation services and a centralized parking facility has grown. The Town, PGDC, and GATRA each have an interest in such a facility that would incorporate both parking and an intermodal transportation hub. Mr. Burke discussed how the proposed study will determine a preferred location for the facility and the financial feasibility of the project.

Mr. Burke informed the Board that GATRA will administer the study, which is eligible for funding from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”). The FTA grant requires a local match of 20%, he reported, for which the PGDC is willing to commit \$15,000 towards the total match of \$30,000. The Town, if given approval by the Selectmen, would provide the remaining \$15,000 of the match from its Parking Fund revenue.

Mr. Burke responded to some brief questions and comments from the Board prior to Selectman Quintal's motion that the Board endorse the Plymouth Growth & Development's decision to commit \$15,000 towards the Multi-Modal Parking Facility Alternative Location Study. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion, and the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor. *[Note: The Board's vote on the Memorandum of Understanding relative to the Site Study took place during the “Board Liaison/Designee Updates” portion of the meeting, below.]*

BOARD LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Council on Aging – Selectman Muratore informed the Board that the Council on Aging will host another ‘meet & greet’ event with political candidates from 3-4:30 p.m. on October 28, 2010.

Roads Advisory Committee – Selectman Harnais reported that members of the Roads Advisory Committee (“RAC”) expressed concern that the Oliver Neck Road access issue was not brought before them for review prior to Town Meeting. The Board appeared to agree that such issues should be brought forth to the RAC in the future.

Assistant Town Manager Melissa Arrighi noted that the Board did not take a vote on the Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to the proposed Multi-Modal Parking Facility Alternative Location Study. On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to the proposed Multi-Modal Parking Facility Alternative Location Study. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Article 30 / VSB Legislation – Selectman Muratore noted that the Board took a vote to table its decision on Article 30 (regarding proposed changes to the legislation establishing the Visitor Services Board) to October 5th, then to October 12th. He asked why the article was again not listed on the Board’s agenda.

Ms. Arrighi explained that the article has since been withdrawn from the Fall Town Meeting warrant.

Selectman Quintal explained why he felt that it would be prudent to take more time to review and formulate changes to the legislation establishing the VSB, for presentation at the Spring Town Meeting. The PGDC, he said, should handle infrastructure projects, while the VSB should focus on events and tourism promotion.

Chairman Hallisey made the suggestion that the Board invite the PGDC and VSB to provide presentations to the Board on their respective activities and future plans, so that the public can be more informed on the roles and responsibilities of each entity.

Visit to Shichigahama, Japan – Selectman Quintal reminded the public that he and a delegation of Plymouth officials will embark on a trip, starting October 13th, to Plymouth’s sister town of Shichigahama, Japan, in honor of the 20th anniversary of the sister town relationship. He displayed numerous gifts he personally purchased to bring to Shichigahama’s mayor and councilmen.

Chairman Hallisey noted that, though he could not join the delegation, he will send a letter of good will and thanks to the mayor and council. He wished Selectmen Quintal, Muratore, and Harnais a wonderful journey.

Selectman Muratore reported that the officials of Shichigahama have put together a busy but well-organized schedule of events for Plymouth’s delegation. PACTV, he said, has provided him with a camera to document the delegation’s experiences, and WATD reporter Bobbi Clark will take part in the visit.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen