

# PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 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. [arrived 7:07 p.m.]  
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 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hallisey then held a moment of silence in honor and memory of the Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes, lifelong resident of Plymouth and world-renowned reverend, professor, lecturer, and author. Vice Chairman Mahoney followed the moment of silence with praise for Rev. Prof. Gomes and the efforts he dedicated to the planning of Plymouth's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2020. Rev. Prof. Gomes, Vice Chairman Mahoney said, was a passionate and irreplaceable advocate and champion for the Town of Plymouth who will be dearly missed by the community.

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

**Library Exterior Ceiling Panels** – Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz reported that, on the early morning of February 22, 2011, two exterior ceiling panels above the front entrance walkway at the Plymouth Public Library fell to the ground. The entrance, he said, will remain cordoned-off until the remaining panels can be inspected and repaired. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that the library will be accessible from the side entrance (adjacent to the parking lot) until all necessary repairs have been completed.

**GATRA / Multi-modal Transportation Center** – Mr. Stankiewicz informed the Board that the Greater Attleboro Transit Authority (“GATRA”) recently facilitated a second meeting on site selection for a (proposed) multi-modal transportation facility in the Town of Plymouth. The major focus of the discussion, he noted, was the gathering of information on past studies and the establishment of goals for the planning phase. Mr. Stankiewicz encouraged citizens to attend the next meeting on March 22, 2011 to offer suggestions on sites for the facility.

**Advisory & Finance Committee** – Mr. Stankiewicz provided a brief update on the February 23, 2011 meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee (“FinCom”), at which the major item of business was the review and approval of the proposed fiscal year 2012 Town & School budgets. Individual FinCom sub-committees reported their findings to the full committee, he reported, and it was determined that there were few differences (eight line items) between the FinCom budget and the budget previously approved by the Selectmen. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that the main area of confusion between the two budgets appears to be on the stipends for elected officials and the actual implementation of a special article that was approved at Town Meeting (but not yet voted upon by the state legislature). Considering the minor differences between the two budgets, Mr. Stankiewicz recommended that the Selectmen amend the remaining line items within the previously-approved budget to correspond to the budget that was approved by the FinCom and School Committee.

**Congressman Bill Keating** – Mr. Stankiewicz was pleased to report that, on February 24, 2011, Congressman Bill Keating came to Plymouth to tour various facilities and areas within the town, including Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and the seawall at Plymouth Beach. Mr. Stankiewicz deferred the provision of further information on the visit to staff from Congressman Keating’s office, who were scheduled to offer a brief presentation to the Board later in the evening’s agenda.

Following the Town Manager’s report, Selectman Muratore inquired as to when the ceiling panels over the Library’s walkway will be repaired. Mr. Stankiewicz offered his estimation that the work should be complete within a couple months. Because of the weight of the panels, Mr. Stankiewicz noted, a significant amount of scrutiny will be required to determine whether the remaining panels are safe or if they require complete replacement.

Selectman Quintal referenced information that the Town Manager had previously given the Selectmen on “The Grandfathering Rule” provision that was recently enacted under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Mr. Stankiewicz explained that “The Grandfathering Rule” will affect the Town’s health insurance rates, whether or not the Town chooses to adopt the provision. It is the Town’s intent, Mr. Stankiewicz said, to keep things as they are and prevent any premium increases for the next fiscal year (starting July 1, 2011).

Selectman Quintal noted the significant amount of recent written correspondence flowing between Mr. Stankiewicz and Dale Webber, the chairman of the Town’s Insurance Advisory Committee (“IAC”), and, thus, he asked Mr. Stankiewicz to spend more time interacting with the IAC, in-person. Mr. Stankiewicz informed the Board that the IAC has issued a litany of requests, some over which the IAC has neither jurisdiction nor authorization to become involved.

Selectman Quintal then asked Mr. Stankiewicz to provide his Town Manager’s Reports to the Board in advance of the meeting, and he requested that IAC be notified before the Selectmen about any issues involving employee health insurance. Mr. Stankiewicz noted his understanding that the Selectmen wish to be given information, first, as the Town’s executive policy-makers.

Discussion ensued about the provision of insurance-related information to the IAC and the day by which the Selectmen wish to receive the Town Manager's Reports. Chairman Hallisey and Selectman Muratore concurred with Selectman Quintal that employee benefit and insurance related matters should be brought to the IAC for a recommendation before the information is forwarded to the Selectmen. Mr. Stankiewicz again asserted his understanding that the Selectmen should be the first to receive information, so that they can be fully apprised on all matters and be able to adequately respond to questions from the community.

Chairman Hallisey asked that Mr. Stankiewicz provide his Town Manager's Reports to the Board by the Monday before the Selectmen's meeting. Vice Chairman Mahoney offered his recommendation that the Town Manager simply notify the Selectmen that he will be bringing insurance related matters before the IAC, for their review and recommendation. There were no objections made to these recommended directives.

## LICENSES

### **ONE DAY WINE AND MALT LIQUOR LICENSE**

- ❖ **Boston's of Plymouth (Gene Foley, 21 South Park Avenue)** requested four (4) One Day Wine & Malt licenses for a St. Patrick's Day weekend event, to be held from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in an enclosed tent located in the parking lot next to the restaurant location on the following dates: March 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2011. Liquor liability will be in place before the licenses are released.

Gene Foley, owner of Boston's of Plymouth, discussed his plans to hold a weekend-long event at his 21 South Park Avenue location. Mr. Foley indicated that, after receiving the blessing of his neighbors, he intends to erect a 35'x75' tent in the parking lot adjacent to his restaurant, in which he will hold live music and—with approval from the Selectmen—serve beer and wine. Despite the fact that the event will be held on private property, Mr. Foley reported that he filed for a Special Event Permit with the Town to ensure compliance with all zoning and fire codes.

Mr. Foley responded to a handful of questions from the Selectmen regarding access in-and-out of the tent and the safeguards that he will have in place to ensure that the consumption of alcohol remains within the confines of the tent. Mr. Foley explained that staff will direct the flow of access to the tent from the side door of the restaurant, itself—unless there is an emergency, at which time there are three exits available for egress. A police detail is scheduled for the evening of St. Patrick's Day, he noted, and amplified music will be scheduled at various times between 1:00 p.m. to closing.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to approve four (4) One Day Wine & Malt licenses (as specified above) for Boston's of Plymouth / Gene Foley. Voted 4-0-1, approved, with an abstention from Selectman Quintal.

- ❖ **Café Olio (Richard Conti, 3 Village Green North)** requested five (5) One Day Wine & Malt licenses for dinners to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 4, 11, 17, 18, and 25, 2011. Liquor liability is in place.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to approve five (5) One Day Wine & Malt licenses, as specified above, for Café Olio / Richard Conti. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

## **CHANGE OF MANAGER (LIQUOR)**

- ❖ **South Shore Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a East Bay Grille – Pinehills Golf Club** (54 Clubhouse Road) requested a Change of Manager from Mike Cardelle to Dennis Barbato. Background check shows no basis for denial.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to approve a Change of Manager, as specified above, for South Shore Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a East Bay Grille – Pinehills Golf Club. Voted 4-0-1, approved, with an abstention from Selectman Quintal.

## **VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR (NEW)**

- ❖ For **Total Traveler Transportation** (844 Webster Street, Marshfield):
  - Dennis Hobson, 43 Reed Street, Kingston

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

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to approve a Vehicle for Hire Operator License, as detailed above, for Denis Hobson to operate as a driver for Total Traveler Transportation. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**2011 Annual & Special Town Meeting Warrants** – The Board signed the warrants for the 2011 Annual and Special Town Meetings.

**Renewal of Lease Agreement with The Nature Conservancy** – The Board renewed the *Lease Agreement* with The Nature Conservancy for use of Town-owned property at 204 Long Pond Road for an additional five year period commencing on March 1, 2011 and terminating on February 28, 2016.

**Acceptance of Deed for Property Off Drew Road** – The Board approved and executed an *Acceptance of Deed* pertaining to 10.95 acres of land off Drew Road shown as Lot 25 on Assessors Map 88, as authorized by Article 16A of the 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting.

**Exclusive Vending Rights for Thanksgiving Parade** – The Board granted exclusive vending rights to the America’s Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration Committee for the parade-related events to be held on the following dates in the downtown/waterfront district:

- Friday, November 18, 2011
- Saturday, November 19, 2011
- Sunday, November 20, 2011

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Alpern of 21 Hitching Post expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of Old Sandwich Road between Hitching Post and Sacrifice Rock. Because the road is public and used by a good number of motorists, he said, the Town should maintain it accordingly.

Mr. Stankiewicz acknowledged that the DPW has responded to complaints about Old Sandwich Road, several times, only to determine that little can be done until the frost heaves recede in the spring.

Steve Lydon of Precinct 12 inquired as to when the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority (“PRA”) will provide an update on its progress with the 1820 Courthouse.

Selectman Quintal noted that the PRA has expressed interest in providing a status update on the Historic Structures Survey Report, and, thus, he asked staff to schedule a presentation for an upcoming Selectmen’s meeting. Selectman Quintal also requested that the Community Preservation Committee and Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation be invited to the presentation.

## **VISIT FROM STAFF OF CONGRESSMAN KEATING’S OFFICE**

Michael Jackman, the District Director for U.S. Congressmen William Keating, introduced himself to the Selectmen and provided contact information via which Plymouth’s constituents can reach out to the Congressman.

Quincy Office: (617) 770-3700

Hyannis Office: (508) 771-0666

<http://keating.house.gov/>

Mr. Jackman noted that he and his colleagues in Congressman Keating’s office stand ready to respond to constituents on a wide range of issues. As noted earlier by the Town Manager, he said, Congressman Keating recently visited Plymouth to tour Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, observe the damage done to Plymouth’s seawall during the late December 2010 storm, and review the dredging project at the T-Wharf. Mr. Jackman stated that Congressman Keating and his staff look forward to working with Plymouth to leverage resources and provide assistance on some of the Town’s major projects.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to appoint the following citizens to Town committees, as noted below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

### **1820 COURTHOUSE CONSORTIUM – 4 SEATS AVAILABLE, 3 APPLICANTS**

Lieza Dagher	incumbent for re-appointment	Term expires June 30, 2012
Michael Hanlon	new applicant	Term expires June 30, 2012
Nina Peters	incumbent for re-appointment	Term expires June 30, 2012

### **CULTURAL COUNCIL – 3 SEATS AVAILABLE, 3 APPLICANTS**

Paul Cripps	new applicant	Term expires March 1, 2014
Jon Dorn	new applicant	Term expires March 1, 2014
Denis Hanks	new applicant	Term expires March 1, 2014

### **ROADS ADVISORY: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

Danielle Brandon	new applicant	Term expires June 30, 2012
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### **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY: 3 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

Cornelius N. Bakker, Jr.	new applicant	Term expires June 30, 2012
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## **PLYMOUTH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Leighton Price, President of the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation (“PGDC”), provided his organization’s annual report to the Selectmen. Through use of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Price reviewed the history of the PGDC and its accomplishments since July 1, 2009.

Enacted under Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2002, the PGDC is a seven member board charged with the revitalization and development of the downtown / waterfront district, in partnership with the Town of Plymouth. The PGDC is perhaps most known as the entity responsible for the oversight of the parking management plan within these districts. Mr. Price continued his presentation with the highlighting of recent accomplishments of the PGDC:

- The hiring of John Burke, Registered Professional Engineer and Certified Administrator of Public Parking, as ParkPlymouth Director of Operations
- The receipt of a certified audit of 2009 financial records; 2010 audit process underway
- The completion and delivery of an in-house update of Plymouth’s *1954 Rules and Orders, Parking Chapter* to the Town Manager’s Office
- The outsourcing and improvement of processing/collection of parking citations

- The participation in a multimodal transportation facility study, in partnership with the Town of Plymouth and the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Transit Authority (“GATRA”)
- The initiation of an in-house update of the parking plan

John Burke, ParkPlymouth Director of Operations, provided further information on the PGDC’s efforts to update the current parking plan. Commencing in the summer of 2010, he said, ParkPlymouth has undertaken the following:

- A comprehensive inventory of the on-street and off-street parking system
- A study of parking utilization, duration, and turnover trends
- A review of ADA compliance, signage, and markings
- An analysis of the needs of permit holders
- An assessment of options for increasing the number of on-street and off-street spaces
- An evaluation of parking policies and ordinances
- The development of a capital replacement plan for parking equipment and facilities
- An investigation into transportation options, new services, and technology enhancements

Mr. Burke noted that the PGDC plans to hold a public workshop on March 15, 2011 in the Nathaniel Morton Elementary School, to gather community input on the parking plan.

Mr. Price went on to report that, since the summer of 2009, the PGDC has spent more than \$400,000 to promote and improve the parking program, support community and tourism-related events, and reimburse the Town for parking enforcement services. The PGDC, he noted, has reserved funds for future collaboration with the Town on community investment projects within the PGDC’s defined development district. Mr. Price informed the Board that the PGDC has made several in-kind contributions toward certain community events in the form of relaxed enforcement and free parking accommodations.

Mr. Burke described the extensive work involved in updating the Town’s *1954 Rules and Orders, Parking Chapter*, and he talked about the investments made by the PGDC into capital projects within the parking lots (i.e. replacement of meters, signage, pavement markings, and litter pickup). The PGDC, he said, is looking to replace the aging multi-space pay stations with newer technology that will accept credit cards and remote payments made by phone.

Mr. Price closed the presentation with a brief summary of the PGDC’s financial position. Since 2009, he explained, the PGDC has strengthened its financial standing by bolstering its collection efforts whilst reducing its annual expenses. In addition, Mr. Price noted, the PGDC has witnessed a steady increase in meter, lot, and permit revenues, despite the fact that the PGDC has allowed free parking during the winter/holiday season for several consecutive years. The PGDC, he said, has devoted its attention to improving the parking plan so that it works for residents, businesses, and visitors, alike.

Following some brief favorable comments on the presentation from the Selectmen, Chairman Hallisey opened the discussion to public comment.

Ric Cone, downtown resident and business owner, questioned whether the PGDC has looked at parking plans within other historic districts in the country, to ensure that the character of the

district is not compromised by the visual blight of parking meters. Plymouth's North Street, he said, is one of the most historic streets in the country, yet it is lined with parking meters that are visually incompatible with the area.

Seeing no further comment from the public at the close of the discussion, Selectman Muratore made a motion to formally accept the Plymouth Growth & Development's annual report. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

### **ARTICLE 7A – GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Mr. Stankiewicz referenced a handout illustrating the differences between the Selectmen-approved FY2012 budget and the budget approved by the Advisory & Finance Committee ("FinCom"). Based on the minimal number of differences between both budgets, Mr. Stankiewicz recommended that the Selectmen vote to align their recommended budget with the figures approved by the FinCom.

Selectman Muratore initiated discussion on the FinCom's recommendation to reduce the amounts originally reserved for stipends for elected officials from \$63,000 to \$6,000. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that, due to varying perceptions and interpretations of the Town Meeting vote to render elected officials ineligible for health insurance benefits, there was a belief that the loss of benefits should be replaced by increased stipends—hence the initial budgeting of \$63,000 for increased stipends, based on the recommendation issued by the Stipends for Elected Officials Committee.

Mr. Stankiewicz responded to questions from Selectman Quintal regarding the increases that the FinCom recommended for the Library and the Veterans Department. Selectman Quintal then asked the Town Manager whether he had budgeted for the as-yet-unsettled union contracts. If the contracts are settled with a 2% cost-of-living increase, Selectman Quintal speculated, the change could necessitate a \$600,000+ increase to the budget.

Mr. Stankiewicz explained that he cannot make budget increases or preemptive cuts without first knowing how the contracts will be settled. To publicly discuss how the settling of union contracts might affect a departmental budget—which could potentially cause job cuts—would be inappropriate at this time, he said.

Following some remaining discussion on the budget and the 60-day hiring freeze that the Board implemented in October 2010 (and subsequently lifted in January 2011), Selectman Harnais made a motion to approve the FY2012 budget in a form consistent with the Advisory & Finance Committee's recommendations. Selectman Muratore seconded the motion and asked the Town Manager to continue pursuing clarification on the intent of the Town Meeting vote to nullify the ability of Plymouth's elected officials to receive Town health benefits. The Board voted 3-2 in favor of Selectman Harnais' motion to approve the budget, with Chairman Hallisey and Selectman Quintal casting the opposing votes.



## **CREATION OF A DISTINGUISHED VISITORS COMMITTEE**

Selectman Harnais introduced a discussion on his proposal to create a Distinguished Visitors Committee (“DVC”) to work upon Plymouth’s sister city relationships and visits from official delegations. Selectman Harnais noted that, because he had the great opportunity to experience an official visit to Plymouth’s sister city of Shichigahama, Japan, he recognizes the importance of such visits and the work that goes into preparing itineraries.

Selectman Harnais noted that, upon the recommendation of his fellow Selectmen, he brought the proposal before the School Committee and Visitor Services Board. Both groups have endorsed the creation of the committee and have agreed to provide a designee to serve, if needed.

The primary focus of the Distinguished Visitors Committee, Selectman Harnais read from his proposal, shall be Plymouth’s sister city relationships and visits from official delegations. The committee will be responsible for coordinating the itinerary of distinguished visitors when visiting Plymouth. They will also assist in determining the makeup of any delegation from Plymouth that is travelling in an official capacity (e.g. Shichigahama, Japan; Plymouth, England, etc.). In addition, the DVC will be the entity responsible for interviewing and selecting the Plymouth students who will be visiting Shichigahama and/or international destinations as part of a sister/twin city relationship.

Selectman Harnais listed the proposed membership of the DVC and noted that each term would be three years in length (staggered at the outset):

- One member of the Board of Selectmen or designee
- One member of the School Committee or designee
- One member of the Visitor Services Board or designee
- One member of Town Meeting
- One citizen at large

Chairman Hallisey invited School Committee Chairman Debra Betz to speak on the matter.

Ms. Betz addressed the Board about the student exchange program that has taken place between Plymouth and Shichigahama for over 20 years, led by School Committee member Margie Burgess. Though many have long believed that the exchange program was school-sponsored, she said, it was recently determined that the Plymouth Public School System had never officially sponsored—nor insured—Plymouth’s exchange visits to Shichigahama. Ms. Betz reported that, upon the recommendation of legal counsel, the School Committee discussed the idea of officially sponsoring the exchange trips, which would subsequently require each trip to be vetted through the School Committee’s field-trip approval process.

Ms. Betz went on to explain her understanding that Ms. Burgess believes she may continue to organize the exchange trips at the direction of the Town, under the guise of the former Sister City Committee, without facilitating the trip through the School system’s approval process. The Schools’ legal counsel, she reported, has recommended otherwise, for the sake of liability coverage.

Assistant Town Manager Melissa Arrighi noted that the Sister City Committee does not actively function as it may have when created many years ago. The Board, she suggested, might want to consider formally disbanding the Sister City Committee and placing all student exchange trips under the jurisdiction of the School system.

The Board discussed the comments and suggestions offered by Ms. Betz and Ms. Arrighi with regard to the student exchange program between Plymouth and Shichigahama. Based on comments offered by some of the Selectmen, the Board appeared to favor having the student exchange program be officially sponsored and insured by the Schools. Ms. Betz affirmed that there is sufficient time for Ms. Burgess and the DVC (if created) to bring the Summer 2011 exchange trip to Shichigahama before the School Committee for official sanctioning by the School system.

Selectman Quintal questioned whether it was necessary to include a member of the Visitor Services Board on the DVC, and he noted he would instead prefer that a representative from the Chamber of Commerce serve on the committee. Chairman Hallisey recommended that the Board take some further time to work out a proposal for the DVC.

Selectman Harnais acknowledged the work done by Ms. Burgess to maintain the student exchange program with Shichigahama over the years. Seeing the Board's wish for more time to work on the proposal, Selectman Harnais made a motion to table the discussion on creating a Distinguished Visitors Committee until the meeting of March 15, 2011. Selectman Muratore seconded the motion, and, following some brief final discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Selectman Muratore made a motion to approve the 2011 student exchange trip to Shichigahama, as facilitated by Margie Burgess, with subsequent trips to be sanctioned by the Schools. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion. Selectman Quintal asked for further information and clarification as to whether the Board should be voting on such a matter.

Ms. Betz and Mr. Stankiewicz each explained that, in order for the 2011 exchange trip to be properly insured, it must go through the School Committee's approval process. In response to this information, Selectman Muratore chose to withdraw his motion.

Selectman Harnais made a motion to direct Ms. Burgess to vet all student exchange trips—including the trip scheduled for the summer of 2011—through the School Committee's field trip approval process. Selectman Muratore seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

## **BOARD LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

**Nuclear Matters Committee** – Selectman Muratore announced that the Atomic Safety Licensing Board will hold a meeting on March 9, 2011 at the Gov. John Carver Inn to discuss the relicensing of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. Pilgrim Station, he noted, plans to temporarily shut down operations in April to perform necessary refueling, for which

numerous outside engineers and technical staff are brought in—resulting in added business for Plymouth’s hotels, restaurants, and retailers.

**Industrial Land Study** – Vice Chairman Mahoney noted that John Judge of The Pinehills was the featured guest speaker at the February meeting of the Town’s Industrial Land Study Committee.

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee** – Vice Chairman Mahoney explained that the work of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Town is somewhat on-hold while the Town is currently in negotiations with the County regarding the South Street Transfer Station.

**400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** – Vice Chairman Mahoney informed the Board that the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee cancelled its recent monthly meeting due to the death of Rev. Peter Gomes (who served as chairman of the committee).

**Audit Committee** – Vice Chairman Mahoney reported that the Audit Committee will be meeting regularly in the coming months to review the Town’s 2010 financial audit.

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

**Green Community Status** – Selectman Quintal noted that he recently spoke with Mark Sylvia, Commissioner of the Mass. Department of Energy Resources (and former Plymouth Town Manager), about Plymouth’s eligibility for designation as a Green Community. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that the main obstacle to Plymouth’s achievement of Green Community status is the Town’s zoning regulations. Though it will be a lengthy process to adopt the regulations necessary for eligibility, Mr. Stankiewicz said, the Town is otherwise in position to achieve Green Community status.

**Litter Clean-Ups** – Selectman Muratore inquired if there were any plans for large-scale litter clean-ups in Plymouth. Mr. Stankiewicz informed the Board that there is a group within Plymouth that has organized such events in the past. The DPW, Mr. Stankiewicz said, provides trash bags and collection for these events.

**Town Meeting Precinct Caucuses** – Selectman Muratore requested a listing of the Town Meeting Precinct Caucus schedule. Ms. Arrighi affirmed that she would compile and forward the schedule to the Selectmen.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 9:33 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

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

*A copy of the March 1, 2011 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s office.*