

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 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.
Sergio O. Harnais
Mathew J. Muratore

Mark Stankiewicz, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Message Board – Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz informed the Board that the Director of Public Works, Jonathan Beder, has recommended the Town purchase a roadside message board. In the past, he said, the Town was forced to rent a sign for major events, but the purchase of the Town's own message board will provide advance notice to motorists about upcoming road work and other special events with much more flexibility.

Coastal Pollutant Remediation Program – Mr. Stankiewicz was pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has awarded Plymouth a \$45,980.00 grant for the Pond Road Stormwater Management Program. Further details on the grant and a public announcement we be forthcoming, he noted.

National Take Back Initiative – Mr. Stankiewicz reported that, on April 30, 2011 (Saturday), the Plymouth Police Department, along with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA") will collaborate on an effort to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from the nation's medicine cabinets. Collection activities will take place at the Plymouth Police Department (20 Long Pond Road) from 10:00am to 2:00pm, he noted. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that the National Take-Back Initiative provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction, as such drugs may be a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) – Mr. Stankiewicz announced that the Town is scheduled to receive an additional \$811,532.77 from the U.S. Department of Health &

Human Services Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP). In February, he stated, the Town received \$201,051.22 in EERP funds, and this new award brings the total funds granted to Plymouth to \$1,012,583.99. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that the program is a result of the Human Resources Department's participation under the Affordable Health Care Act and provides reimbursement to participating employment-based plans (both public and private) for a portion of the costs of health benefits. It is the Town's intent, he noted, to deposit the reimbursements in the Trust Account to help offset increases in health care costs. Mr. Stankiewicz commended and thanked the Town's Benefits Administrator Marie Brinkmann, Human Resources Director Roberta Kety, and Plymouth's health insurance consultants at Cook & Company for their successful efforts in acquiring these funds.

Nuclear Forum / Entergy Presentation – Mr. Stankiewicz informed the public that, due to some logistical issues, the Board's public forum with Entergy on nuclear power—originally scheduled for April 19, 2011—must be rescheduled to May 10, 2011. Given the press coverage this issue has generated, he said, staff will reserve Plymouth North High School Auditorium and a press release will be prepared to notify the public.

Jet Blue Plymouth Video – Mr. Stankiewicz was pleased to announce that the Plymouth Regional Economic Foundation has submitted a video promoting Plymouth to Jet Blue Airlines for rotation within its in-flight programming during the month of May. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that, according to Denis Hanks, Executive Director for the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, the three-minute video—which promotes Plymouth's tourist attractions and business potential—will be seen by 1.9 million passengers on 17,000 flights.

Library Concert – Mr. Stankiewicz encouraged the Selectmen and the public to attend the Plymouth Public Library's Volunteer Appreciation Concert on Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

LICENSES

CHANGE OF MANAGER (LIQUOR)

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board granted the following Change of Manager, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Young America Club, Inc.** (4 Ocean View Drive) requested a Change of Manager from Robert Armstrong to Sean McKenna. Background check shows no basis for denial.

NEW OFFICER/DIRECTOR (LIQUOR)

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board granted the following Change of Officers. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Young America Club, Inc.** (4 Ocean View Drive) requested a Change of Officers (as listed on the application).

VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board granted the following Vehicle for Hire Operator licenses, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ For **Patriot Transportation**, (317 Court Street, Plymouth)

- Timothy Cushman (227 Standish Avenue, Plymouth)

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

❖ For **Mayflower Taxi** (130 Camelot Drive, Plymouth)

- Peter Clapp (47 Clifford Road, Plymouth)

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

COMMON VICTUALLER (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board granted the following Common Victualler License, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Federal Grille**, 531 Federal Furnace Road; Nicholas and Amanda Martin, owners (formerly Monster Café)

MISCELLANEOUS NON-ALCOHOL LICENSE RENEWALS

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to approve renewal of the miscellaneous licenses listed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Pawn Broker

PEGGY'S PAWN SHOP (EDWARD MCCARTHY)

37 COURT STREET

Junk Dealer

AARON'S, INC.

91 CARVER ROAD

ANTIQUES POTPOURRI

1464 STATE ROAD

ARAMAYIS MELIKYAN D/B/A QUICK CASH

52 MAIN STREET

ATWOOD WELLNESS, LLC

88 SANDWICH STREET

CHAPEL ANTIQUES

631 STATE ROAD

DILLON & COMPANY, LTD. D/B/A DILLON & COMPANY

12 NORTH STREET

JEREMY EDWARDS

57 MICAJAH AVENUE

RJ STONE & ASSOCIATES INC. D/B/A MILLER'S

114 WATER STREET

COUNTRY STORE

VILLAGE BRAIDER ANTIQUE INC

48 SANDWICH STREET

Junk Collector

JEREMY EDWARDS

57 MICAJAH AVENUE

PAUL ALMEIDA 24 HOUR TOWING, INC.

10 COLUMBUS ROAD

PEGGY'S COLLECTIBLES

37 COURT STREET

PLYMOUTH COIN AND JEWELRY
ROBERT SILVA

64 COURT STREET
27 WEST CHERRY STREET

Fortune Telling

CELESTIAL INSIGHTS (REGINA HAMILTON)
CRYSTAL CHAMBERS (TAMMY MILLER)
DIANE KUMOR

146 COURT STREET
120 WATER STREET
60 KINGS POND PLAIN ROAD

Billiards

ELLIS HAVEN CAMPGROUND
2 POOL TABLES

531 FEDERAL FURNACE ROAD

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Nepotism Policy – The Board approved the revised Town of Plymouth Nepotism Policy, as presented by the Town Manager’s Office.

Wild Animal Permit – The Board granted a Wild Animal Permit pursuant to Chapter 23, Article IV of the Town of Plymouth Bylaws to Joseph P. Barron, Jr. of 2 Clark Street for his American Pit Bull Terrier (male, 4 years old).

Dissolution of Permanent School Building Committee – The Board disbanded and dissolved the Permanent School Building Committee, as its purpose had been fulfilled.

Designees for Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – After some deliberation, the Board chose NOT to designate two members to serve on an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss the use of Town and County-owned properties on South Street situated near the South Street Transfer Station.

Tidal Beaches Advisory Committee – The Board appointed Sandra Cotti of 12 Veronica Road to the Tidal Beaches Advisory Committee for a term effective April 13, 2011 through June 30, 2011 (remainder of vacant term).

Tidal Beaches Advisory Committee – The Board appointed Peter Denehy of 81 Rocky Hill Road to the Tidal Beaches Advisory Committee for a term effective April 13, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (remainder of vacant term).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim McDonough of Joyfly Buzz Marketing and Explore Historic Plymouth announced that she is organizing a comedy event at Memorial Hall to raise funds for the July 4th parade and firework celebrations. The fundraiser, she said, will be held on May 20, 2011 at Memorial Hall and will feature Boston comedian Lenny Clarke. Ms. McDonough asked for a show of support from the Board of Selectmen to assist in the success of the event.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted 5-0-0 in support of Ms. McDonough's efforts to hold a comedy fundraiser at Memorial Hall to benefit the July 4th parade and firework events.

Steve Lydon noted that the April 2nd Town Meeting was his first as an elected representative of Precinct 12. He thanked the Town Moderator and Town staff for their assistance in helping to make his first Town Meeting a positive experience.

Robert Alford, Town Meeting Member for Precinct 7, commended his fellow Town Meeting colleagues for voting to accept 25 roads as public. Mr. Alford thanked the Selectmen, Roads Advisory Committee, and Town Engineering Department for the work they invested in bringing the roads before Town Meeting for acceptance. There are many roads in town that are much worse than those accepted at the April 2nd Town Meeting, and the Town, he said, should consider matching the roadway funds granted by the State (via Chapter 90) for exclusive use on such roads.

Selectman Quintal posed questions to the Town Manager regarding Chapter 90 State funding for roads. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that there are several factors that determine the Chapter 90 allocation for each community, including population and actual mileage of public roadway. Chapter 90 funds can only be used for road-related purposes, Mr. Stankiewicz noted.

PUBLIC HEARING: ANNUAL ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LICENSE **RYE TAVERN CORPORATION, 517 OLD SANDWICH ROAD**

Chairman Hallisey opened a public hearing to consider the application for a new Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License from Rye Tavern Corporation, 517 Old Sandwich Road, Christopher Tocchio as Manager. Chairman Hallisey read the description of the premises at 517 Old Sandwich Road and affirmed that notice of the hearing was given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Attorney Robert Betters addressed the Board on behalf of Rye Tavern Corporation and provided the following information on the restaurant venture. Currently owned by The Pinehills, the structure at 517 Old Sandwich Road was operated as a stagecoach stop as early as 1792. In recent years, it housed Martha's Stone Soup Restaurant, but restaurateurs Nathan and June Withington—along with experienced manager Christopher Tocchio of Union Fish—will be reinventing the location as the Rye Tavern in early-to-mid May. Renovations to the structure will be done to historic preservation standards and include the installation of a 6-seat bar and the removal of partitioned walls.

John Judge of The Pinehills provided additional details on the renovations that have been done to the historic structure in recent years, noting that The Pinehills has consulted the Massachusetts Historical Commission on each modification.

Seeing no further questions from the Board, Chairman Hallisey opened the public hearing to public comment. No citizens came forth to address the Board. Chairman Hallisey then closed the hearing to await a motion on the license request.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License to Rye Tavern Corporation, 517 Old Sandwich Road, as requested in the license application. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

On a motion by Selectman Quintal, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to grant the following licenses to Rye Tavern Corporation, 517 Old Sandwich Road, as detailed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- Common Victualler
- Comprehensive Entertainment – Radio, TV, dancing, live entertainment
- Sunday Entertainment – dancing, live entertainment
- Early Sunday Opening – 10:00 a.m.
- Outdoor Amplified Music – 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

AIRPORT COMMISSION: UPDATE ON AIRPORT PROJECTS

Doug Crociati, Vice Chairman of the Plymouth Airport Commission, introduced a presentation for the Selectmen on the current status of airport-related projects.

The Airport Commission, Mr. Crociati reported, embarked upon an Airport Layout Plan in 2007. In 2009, the commission took its initial vote to extend both runways to a length of 5,000 feet, each, but the vote was met with resistance from the local residential community. The commission then rescinded its vote and hired an independent facilitator to work on building a consensus between airport users and airport neighbors.

Tom Maher, Airport Manager, continued the presentation with an overview of the Airport Layout Plan and the Airport Master Plan—which, he said, are essentially two pieces of the same process. The Airport Layout Plan (“ALP”) is an important planning document—required of municipal airports approximately every fifteen years by the Federal Aviation Administration—that represents the future of the airport.

Mr. Maher talked about the work done by the Plymouth Airport Advisory Group (“PAAG”) to build compromise between airport users and the airport’s residential neighbors. After eight meetings which lasted approximately 3 hours apiece, the PAAG reached the consensus to maintain Plymouth Municipal Airport as a BII class airport (its current classification) but extend the north/south runway to match the 4,350’ length of the east/west runway.

Mr. Crociati provided a detailed report of the consensus reached by the PAAG on October 21, 2010, noting the following:

- The north/south runway (“Runway 15-33”), currently measuring 3,351’ x 75’, shall be extended to a useable distance of 4,350’. An additional 300’ safety overrun will be added at the north end of the runway.
- The east/west runway (“Runway 6-24”), currently measuring 4,349’ x 75’, shall remain unchanged. An additional 300’ safety overrun will be added at the northeast end of the runway.
- The 300’ safety overrun zones will be clearly marked and must only be used for emergencies—not for routine take-offs and landings.
- The Airport Commission will state in the Master Plan that it will not seek further additions, changes, or modifications to either runway (beyond what was agreed upon by the PAAG) for a period of at least 10 years.
- The Airport Commission must state in the Master Plan that the Plymouth Municipal Airport will remain a BII class airport.

Mr. Maher displayed an aerial rendering of the ALP, noting its consistency with the PAAG consensus agreement. He pointed out the safety overrun zones and explained how balancing the length (and, therefore, use) of the runways will improve the safety of takeoffs and landings while distributing aircraft noise over the less populated areas near the airport.

Mr. Maher and Mr. Crociati responded to some brief questions from the Selectmen regarding the agreement reached by the PAAG and the schedule for the runway extension project. Mr. Maher explained that the PAAG was adamant that the Airport Commission maintain the airport as a category BII airport, even though it cannot bind the Commission to do so. The permit process for the runway extension, Mr. Maher said, will begin during the summer of 2011. The earliest that the Airport Commission could be ready to bring the design component before Town Meeting would be April 2012, Mr. Maher noted, but much of the project schedule will depend upon funding from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Following some brief remaining questions, Mr. Crociati thanked the Selectmen and made special note of Chairman Hallisey’s participation as a member of the PAAG.

Ken Layton, member of the Plymouth Airport Commission, voiced his pleasure with the way in which the consensus-building process worked out, noting his belief that the agreement is a fair balance between the needs of the neighbors and the needs of the pilots. During the well-facilitated process, he said, the neighbors and airport users learned a good deal about the issues that are important to each side. Mr. Laytin acknowledged that the PAAG cannot dictate the Master Plan process but noted that the Airport Commission was willing to state that it would not seek further changes to the runway length beyond what was agreed upon by the PAAG.

Seeing no further comment from the audience, Chairman Hallisey closed the discussion and thanked Mr. Maher, the Airport Commission, and the members of the PAAG for their work.

CHANGES TO VOTING PRECINCTS AND BOUNDARIES

Town Clerk Laurence Pizer provided the Board with a report on the changes the Town must make to its voting precincts as a result of the recent Federal Census (2010). The Selectmen, he explained, must decide upon a plan that will adequately address the Town's current population distribution until the next Federal Census is conducted in 2020.

Mr. Pizer reported on the data from the 2010 Census and discussed the guidelines that municipalities must follow to create or modify voting precincts. Plymouth's population has been determined at 56,468, thus prompting the need for at least one additional voting precinct (there are currently 14). Mr. Pizer recommended that the Town increase its number of precincts to 15. Based on the rule that there be no more than 4,000 residents per precinct (with precinct variance allowed by only +/- 5%), the average number of citizens for each of the recommended 15 precincts would be 3,765.

Mr. Pizer discussed the methodology involved in the "re-precincting" process and the efforts he made to preserve as many of the Town's current precincts as they are, wherever possible. According to further federal guidelines, precincts must be as compact as possible and census blocks cannot be broken. Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 10 will require very few changes, while Precincts 5, 8, 9, 11, and 13 will experience some notable changes. The most remarkable changes will be noticed within Precincts 12 and 14, as well as the creation of a new precinct (# 15) that will encompass The Pinehills and some of its surrounding neighborhoods. These changes, Mr. Pizer noted, will not be effective until January 1, 2012, and, thus, will not affect the May 2011 Town election.

The Town, Mr. Pizer explained, must depend upon its municipal facilities to house its voting locations. With population growth occurring in the southern area of Town—but with fewer municipal facilities in that area—there will be a few polling stations that are not conveniently situated for a number of neighborhoods within some precincts, due to the changes necessitated by the census. In the case of the soon-to-be-created Precinct 15, The Pinehills has graciously offered to allow the Town use of its Stonebridge Club as the voting location, even during special elections. For voters of Precinct 14, however, some as far away as Hedges Pond Road must now travel to Indian Brook Elementary School to vote.

Mr. Pizer informed the Board that the federal government has asked municipalities to submit their new precinct maps by June 2011, leaving little time to fully vet and complete the re-precincting process. Once complete, the Town (with the help of funding from the State) will issue letters to every household with information on the new precincts and polling locations.

Mr. Pizer fielded questions from the Selectmen regarding the possible creation of one or more new precincts. Mr. Pizer explained that, though the Town anticipates a good deal of future population growth from the A.D. Makepeace "River Run" development, it cannot base its current precincting plan on a population that does not yet exist. The Town is bound by the every-ten-year schedule of the Federal Census, he said, and, thus, it must be committed to its chosen precincting plan for the next ten years.

Vice Chairman Mahoney made a motion to approve the new precinct maps, as presented by the Town Clerk. Selectman Quintal seconded the motion. Chairman Hallisey asked that the Board allow public comment prior to taking a vote.

Barry Meltzer of Precinct 12 expressed concern about the proposed changes made to his precinct that would effectively split his neighborhood association between two precincts. He asked that the Selectmen defer its vote on the new precinct maps until a public hearing can be held to hear the concerns of those most affected by the changes.

Walter Morrison of Bloody Pond Road noted that he and his neighbors within the Six Ponds Association have been part of Precinct 12 for decades. If the Town believes in the village concept, he said, it must consider how the proposed changes to Precinct 12 will divide the Six Ponds area and reassign some of its residents to a different village that has different characteristics and concerns. Mr. Morrison inquired of the Town Clerk had considered how the addition of two new precincts (as opposed to the recommendation to add only one) might prevent the division of long-standing neighborhoods and village centers.

Mr. Pizer acknowledged the concerns of Mr. Meltzer and Mr. Morrison but noted the limitations imposed upon the process by federal guidelines. The precinct map is like a jigsaw puzzle, he said; if the Town moves a boundary line to accommodate one area, it will likely divide another.

Joe DeSilva of Bowsprit Lane identified himself as the president of the Six Ponds Association and asked the Selectmen to hold their vote until a public hearing can be heard on the matter of new precincts and boundaries.

Jim Concannon of 610 Long Pond Road echoed the concerns voiced by Mr. Morrison and Mr. Meltzer about dividing the Six Ponds area and Plymouth Estates Association, where the residents have both land and voting interests in common. He, too, encouraged the Selectmen to hold off on making a decision until more public comment can be heard on the matter.

Helen Hapgood of Precinct 9 also inquired if the Town Clerk could consider how the addition of two new precincts (as opposed to one) could alleviate some of the disruption that will likely be caused by re-precincting. The change in precincts, she said, will also nullify the service of a number of Town Meeting Members, by simple virtue of where they live and to which precinct they will be reassigned as voters. Ms. Hapgood advocated for the presentation of both options (the creation of one versus two new precincts) during a public hearing, before the Board considers making any final decision on re-precincting.

In response to a question from Selectman Harnais about adding two new precincts, Mr. Pizer estimated that it costs approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000 to operate a single polling location during an election. If the Town were to add more precincts, Mr. Pizer said, more boundary lines must be drawn, which will likely translate to more broken neighborhoods.

Some discussion ensued regarding the addition of new precincts and the subsequent necessity of finding facilities that can serve as adequate and conveniently-accessible polling locations. Mr. Pizer reiterated that the Town must base its plans for new precincts on the current 2010

census results. Shifts in population will not affect the Town's precinct lines until the 2020 census figures are tabulated, Mr. Pizer affirmed, and, thus, the creation of two additional precincts is not necessary.

Vice Chairman Mahoney chose to withdraw his previous motion to allow for the scheduling of a public hearing to discuss the proposed precinct changes.

Selectman Harnais did not object to the scheduling of a public hearing but noted his concern that the re-precincting process not be mired in Town Meeting politics. Selectman Muratore concurred with holding a public hearing but echoed Mr. Pizer's comments that moving a boundary line to accommodate one neighborhood will likely produce an adverse effect upon another. Like Selectman Harnais, Selectman Quintal expressed his wish that politics be left out of the re-precincting discussion.

Paul Hapgood of Precinct 9 talked about the work involved in forming the Plymouth 1,000 group when Plymouth Rock Studios expressed interest in the 1,000 Acres site. As presented, Mr. Hapgood said, the re-precincting plan will divide the Plymouth 1,000 contingent within Precinct 9, split up its Town Meeting representation, and combine it with the Six Ponds Association—a group with a completely different set of concerns than that of those who live south of Clark Road.

Pat Adelman of Precinct 12 spoke to the Board as the Voter Services Chairman of the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters. Ms. Adelman stated that voting—one of the most important rights of the citizenry—should be made as easy and as convenient as possible. Ms. Adelman expressed concern about the inconvenient distances that some may have to travel to re-assigned polling locations, but recognized the difficult task given to the Town Clerk to accommodate the needs of Plymouth's citizens while adhering to rigid federal regulations. She expressed support for the scheduling of a public hearing to fully vet and discuss the re-precincting process.

Mr. Pizer stated that he would hold a public hearing as a result of the feedback provided during the course of the meeting. He encouraged citizens to view the proposed precinct maps—which he will make available on the Town's website—in advance of the hearing.

Leighton Price of Precinct 12 was encouraged to hear that a public meeting on the matter will be held, noting that it is important to consider the viability of various ideas and solutions before making any final decisions on the Town's new precinct lines.

Selectman Muratore made a motion to table the Board's decision on the Town's voting precinct boundaries until May 24, 2011, in order to allow the Town Clerk to post and hold a public hearing on the matter. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion for discussion and asked Mr. Pizer if May 24th will allow him enough time to meet the June 1st deadline.

Based on Mr. Pizer's response, Selectman Muratore amended his previous motion by making a new motion to table the Board's decision on the Town's precinct boundaries until May 17, 2011. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

BOARD LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Roads Advisory Committee – Selectman Harnais reported that the Roads Advisory Committee continues to monitor and make recommendations on the Oliver Neck Road issue. Emergency response time to Oliver Neck Road will be greatly improved, he noted, now that AD Makepeace will be paving River Run and its ancillary connector roads.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Distinguished Visitors Committee – Selectman Harnais stated that he would like the Board to revisit the creation of a Distinguished Visitors Committee. No objections were made to Selectman Harnais’s request.

Litter Collections – Selectman Muratore noted his observation that there is a growing litter issue throughout town, and he inquired if there were any plans for organized clean-ups. Mr. Stankiewicz reported that the DPW works cooperatively with volunteer groups who wish to conduct large-scale litter collections. With regard to State roads, Mr. Stankiewicz said, the Town tries to utilize teams from the County Correctional Facility.

Chairman Hallisey then allowed a citizen from the audience to speak at the podium.

William Stone spoke to the Board about the condition of Valley Road. He noted a DVD that he distributed to the Selectmen displaying the damage done to the roadway over the course of the winter, and he reported that residents of Valley Road have been refused service by mail trucks, school buses, and ambulances. Mr. Stone claimed that neither the Roads Advisory Committee nor the Fire Chief would provide a determination that Valley Road was safe for passage by Town vehicles, and he inquired whether the Selectmen (after watching the video) would deem the roadway “safe” for passage. The Town, he said, must devise a long-term solution to this problem for the residents of Valley Road.

Selectman Harnais (the Board’s designee on the Roads Advisory Committee) stated his understanding that crews from the Highway Department are scheduled to grade Valley Road when weather/temperature conditions allow them to do so. Mr. Stankiewicz explained that grading cannot be done until the roadway has thawed.

Kevin Doyle of Precinct 6 echoed Selectman Muratore’s comments about litter, and he suggested that the Town seek corporate sponsors for an ‘adopt-a-road’ program. Mr. Doyle made specific mention that there is a good deal of litter on the Entergy property, and he asked if the Town could encourage Entergy to clean the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Seven Hills Behavioral Health Center – Selectman Muratore noted that he attended the opening of the Seven Hills Behavioral Health Center in the Industrial Park.

Shichigahama Relief Fund – Selectman Muratore was pleased to report that the total money raised for the Shichigahama Relief Fund has reached nearly \$85,000. There are several more groups who are interested in donating, he said, which may help the Town to close in on its \$100,000 goal.

New Fire Code / Crowd Control Regulations – Selectman Quintal inquired about new fire code regulations issued by the State Fire Marshal with regard to crowd control at nightclubs. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that he would speak with the Fire Chief to determine the ways in which the Town may be responsible to enforce the new guidelines.

Article 43 / Amendment of Bylaw Pertaining to Open Fires – Selectman Muratore asked if the amendment to the Town's fire regulations that Town Meeting approved on April 2nd (via petitioned Article 43) is in conflict with Massachusetts Fire Code. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that local laws cannot be less stringent than what is instituted by State Law. The Attorney General, Mr. Stankiewicz said, will review Town Meeting's actions and may ultimately deem the article to be in conflict with State fire regulations.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Quintal, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the April 12, 2011 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's office.