

# **PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011**

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 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  
Sergio O. Harnais  
Mathew J. Muratore  
Belinda A. Brewster

Mark Stankiewicz, Town Manager  
Melissa Arrighi, Assistant Town Manager

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **PRESENTATION OF FUNDS RAISED FOR SHICHIGAHAMA**

Selectman Muratore presided over the presentation of funds raised to assist Plymouth's sister city, Shichigahama, Japan, in the wake of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster that devastated the coastal city. Joined by the Town officials who traveled as part of Plymouth's official delegation to Shichigahama in October 2010, Selectman Muratore introduced a video produced by PACTV for the telethon the Town of Plymouth held in late March 2011.

Former Plymouth selectman Richard Quintal, Jr. read a letter from the Mayor of Shichigahama, Yoshio Watanabe, in which Mayor Watanabe acknowledged the extensive damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami and the challenges that his fellow citizens have endured in the months following the event. In the letter, Mayor Watanabe earnestly thanked Plymouth for its support.

School Committee member Margie Burgess shared the story of a young woman from Shichigahama named Naomi who spent the 1994-1995 school year as a sister city exchange student at Plymouth North High School. Ms. Burgess noted that she has been able to establish contact with Naomi, and she shared some of Naomi's accounts of the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami. Though there is great devastation in Shichigahama, Ms. Burgess said, the city is in much better shape than other surrounding communities.

Selectman Muratore thanked the staff of PACTV for their work in producing the telethon and the accompanying video footage. He then invited Donna Ouellette from Northeast

Community Bank and Bob Hollis from the Plymouth Rotary Club to join him for the official presentation of the funds raised for Shichigahama. Ms. Ouellette noted that Northeast Community Bank donated the last remaining funds necessary to bring the total to \$100,000, in addition to its initial contribution of \$10,000 during the telethon. Mr. Hollis accepted the check on behalf of the Plymouth Rotary Club, which will, in turn, transfer the funds to the Shichigahama Rotary Club.

Selectman Muratore closed the presentation with acknowledgement and gratitude for the generosity and assistance of Northeast Community Bank, PACTV, the Plymouth Rotary Club, and all those who donated to help the people of Shichigahama, Japan.

## **INFORMATION ON THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

Nancy Schiavone, Development Officer for the Massachusetts / New Hampshire chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, provided information on the Walk to End Alzheimer's event scheduled for 10:00 a.m. October 1, 2011. Held at the Plimoth Plantation in previous years as the "Memory Walk," Ms. Schiavone said, the Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held on Plymouth's waterfront this year, with Selectman Matt Muratore as the master of ceremonies. Ms. Schiavone provided information on the Alzheimer's Association's programs and services and encouraged citizens to participate in the October 1<sup>st</sup> event.

## **PROPERTY ON PLYMOUTH LONG BEACH**

### **FALL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES 11 AND 12**

David Gould, DPW Environmental Manager, presented the following information on two articles for the 2011 Fall Town Meeting pertaining to Plymouth Long Beach.

Article 11 proposes to acquire property currently owned by the Laughlin family, while Article 12 will execute a subsequent land swap for an adjacent parcel owned by the Tassinari family. Though the Town owns the majority of property on Long Beach, there are a number of private properties scattered throughout that affect various issues pertaining to the Town's Beach Management Plan, i.e. the width of the travel corridor and off-road-vehicle access.

The 27,400-square-foot Laughlin property is situated north of the crossover and contains a cottage with a septic system. The Town has negotiated a purchase price of \$850,000 with the owner, based on the most recent sales of comparable properties. The Tassinari family owns a large, virtually unbuildable lot adjacent to the Laughlin property that houses a former pier structure on the inner harbor side of the beach. The cumulative intent of Articles 11 and 12 Town is to acquire the Laughlin property, carve out a new lot around the cottage, and swap the newly-created lot and habitable cottage for the Tassinari lot. Consistent with the Town's plans to acquire oceanfront property for public use, the proposed land swap and subdivision of the lot will:

- establish a large tract of public property and, thus, optimize public access to the inner and outer side of the beach

- allow the Town to widen the travel corridor over the publicly-owned section
- keep private property on the tax rolls
- provide the Town with an ability to reestablish the pier structure for public boat access
- create a future opportunity to establish another vehicle crossover

Following his presentation, Mr. Gould responded to some brief questions from the Selectmen regarding the appraised value of the Laughlin property and the layout of the lot subdivision plan. Mr. Gould reiterated that the negotiated purchase price of \$850,000 was based on comparable sales. By acquiring contiguous property on the beach, Mr. Gould said, the Town can reduce the challenges to public beach access posed by the interspersed private property amongst the Town-owned parcels.

Chairman Hallisey opened the discussion to public comment.

Helen Hapgood advocated for passage of Articles 11 and 12. In consideration of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2020 and the recent challenges made to the Town's Beach Management Plan, the acquisition is a clear benefit to residents and tourists, alike, she said.

Kevin Doyle expressed support for the acquisition and land swap, and he offered his recommendation that the Town consider a similar initiative on White Horse Beach.

Steve Lydon commended the Selectmen and staff for acting upon the residents' call for enhanced public control over the beach.

Richard Quintal, Jr. voiced support for the plan but questioned how the Town would finance the acquisition. He advocated use of Community Preservation Funds, rather than putting the purchase on the tax rolls.

Assistant Town Manager Melissa Arrighi noted that the utilization of Community Preservation Funds would place a number of restrictions on the use of the property. Finance Director Lynne Barrett added that the Town could borrow money for the land purchase at a 4% rate, without falling outside of the Town's levy limit.

Mr. Gould responded to a handful of final questions from the Selectmen about potential future uses of the property. The rebuilding of the former pier structure on the Tassinari property will create a number of potential opportunities for the Town to enhance beach access and amenities, he explained, including the establishment of ferry service (to compliment ORV access to the beach) and the placement of portable bathrooms on the pier.

Vice Chairman Mahoney made a motion to recommend Article 11 to the 2011 Fall Town meeting. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion.

Before calling for a vote, Chairman Hallisey noted that, though he had some initial reservations about the purchase price for the property acquisition, the tangible, long term public benefits that would be created by the land swap are fully evident. Seeing no further discussion, the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of the motion to recommend Article 11 to the 2011 Fall Town meeting.

Vice Chairman Mahoney then made a motion to recommend Article 12 to the 2011 Fall Town meeting. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion. Both Vice Chairman Mahoney and Selectman Harnais offered thanks to Mr. Gould for his work on developing the acquisition / land swap proposal. The Board then voted 5-0-0 in favor of the motion to recommend Article 12 to the 2011 Fall Town meeting.

Vice Chairman Mahoney asked staff to set up a mechanism via which citizens can make donations to the Town to offset the purchase of the beach property (Article 11).

## **LICENSES**

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

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to grant a Vehicle for Hire Operator license to each of the following applicants, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **For Mayflower Taxi** (130 Camelot Dr., Scott Vecchi, Owner):

- Joshua Cripps (50 Cherry Street Left, Plymouth)
- John Vogel (7 Chapel Hill Drive, Plymouth)

Issuance of the above licenses is subject to review of the requisite CORI background check and driving record of the applicant.

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

On a motion by Selectman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to grant a Vehicle License to the following applicant, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **TLC Quality Transportation** (42 Dublin Drive, Brian Mazzilli):

- Applying for 1 Vehicle (Livery) – 2001 Dodge Van; Vehicle has been inspected.

### **PEDI-CAB OPERATOR LICENSE (NEW)**

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to grant a Pedi-Cab Operator license to each of the following applicants, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **For Plymouth Pedicab** (4 Freedom Street, Michael Tubin, Owner):

- Joseph D'Eramo (111 Kathleen Drive, Plymouth)
- Cynthia Winkley (4 Freedom Street, Plymouth)

Issuance of the above license is subject to review of the requisite CORI background check.

## **JUNK DEALER (NEW)**

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to grant a Junk Dealer License to the following applicant, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **NASR Jewelers Inc.** (Eddie Nasr, 61 Commerce Way)

Issuance of the above license is subject to approval and recommendations from Inspectional Services.

## **CLASS II AUTO DEALER LICENSE (NEW)**

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to table its decision on granting a Class II Auto Dealer License to the following applicant, to gather further information pertaining to the application. Voted 5-0-0, tabled to September 6, 2011.

❖ **Pilgrim Auto Ltd.** (54 Manomet Point Rd., John Healey, President)

## **CLASS II AUTO DEALER LICENSE (CHANGE OF ADDRESS)**

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to table its decision on granting a Change of Address for the following Class II Auto Dealer License, to gather further information pertaining to the application. Voted 5-0-0, tabled to September 6, 2011.

❖ **Plymouth Motorcars** (Matthew Meyer, President) requested to change its business address from 198 South Meadow Road to 30 Industrial Park Road.

## **ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE\*\***

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to grant four (4) One Day Wine & Malt licenses to the following applicant, as detailed. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **Our House Services** (Philippe Ducrot, 40 Russell Street) requested four (4) One Day Wine & Malt licenses for dining to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the following dates: September 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2011. Liquor liability will be in place before the licenses are released.

\*\*One day liquor licenses shall automatically cover the day before and the day after the event for the purpose of proper delivery, storage and disposal of alcoholic beverages purchased.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**Meeting Minutes** – On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board approved the minutes of the May 10, 2011 Selectmen’s meeting. Voted 4-0-1,

approved, with an abstention from Selectman Brewster, who was not a member of the Board at the time of this meeting.

**Town Wharf Lease Amendment with Reliable Fish Company** – The Board approved and executed the finalized *Third Lease Amendment* between the Town of Plymouth, as lessor, and Reliable Fish Company, Inc., as lessee, for Lots 12 and 12A on a “Plan of Land at Town Wharf, Plymouth, MA” dated May 21, 1981.

**Wild Animal Permit / Cavacco** – The Board granted a Wild Animal Permit pursuant to Chapter 23, Article IV of the Town of Plymouth Bylaws to Nathan Cavacco of 7 Jacobs Ladder for his Staffordshire Terrier (male, 8 years old).

**Wild Animal Permit / Leary** – The Board granted a Wild Animal Permit pursuant to Chapter 23, Article IV of the Town of Plymouth Bylaws to Nicholas Leary of 15 Peck Avenue, Apartment 1, for his American Pit Bull Terrier (male, 1 ½ years old).

**Addition of Hedges Pond Recreation Area to Beach Sticker** – The Board added the Hedges Pond Recreation Area as one of the lots covered by the Seasonal Beach Sticker.

**Distinguished Visitors Committee** – The Board appointed the following designees chosen to serve on the Distinguished Visitors Committee, for terms effective as detailed below:

Sergio Harnais	Board of Selectmen	term exp. June 30, 2014
Mary Waltuch	School Committee	term exp. June 30, 2013
Sharon Hanley-DeCoste	Visitor Services Board	term exp. June 30, 2012
Ann Berry	Chamber of Commerce	term exp. June 30, 2014
Paul Cripps	Destination Plymouth	term exp. June 30, 2013
A. Ethan Kusmin	Town Meeting Member	term exp. June 30, 2012

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Lydon thanked the DPW department for clearing the streets so quickly following the recent tropical storm.

Cornelius Bakker stated his surprise to hear that the Selectmen had chosen to bring the subject of car dealerships along Commerce Way back before Town Meeting in October. Based on the fact that the matter was previously defeated by  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote at the April 2011 Town Meeting, Mr. Bakker questioned the ethics of repeatedly bringing an issue back before Town Meeting until it is finally approved.

Richard Knox of Precinct 4 expressed concern about the 1820 Consortium’s requests for additional funds for the Courthouse project, whether directly to Town Meeting or indirectly through a proposed meals tax for the Town’s 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Knox said that the Consortium made several promises to seek grant funding to rehabilitate the 1820 Courthouse; the Town, therefore, should not consider any new requests for tax dollars to fund the project.

Richard Quintal, Jr. sought to clarify his position on the proposed property acquisition and land swap on Plymouth Long Beach. Mr. Quintal reiterated his support of the purchase but stated his concern about the burden that such an expense will place on the taxpayers. If the Town is going to raise one tax to fund the proposal, he said, perhaps it should consider lowering another, i.e. the Community Preservation tax.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF FLAMMABLES** **PINEHILLS, LLC, 33 SUMMERHOUSE DRIVE**

Chairman Hallisey opened a public hearing to consider an application from Pinehills LLC, 33 Summerhouse Drive, for 24,000 gallons of underground storage of flammables/combustibles. Notice of this matter was advertised in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and those wishing to be heard on the matter were encouraged to attend the hearing.

Attorney Robert Betters explained that his clients, the Levis family (owners of the Levis Gulf Service Station on Court Street), intend to open their second service station on property currently owned by The Pinehills. Laws require that the Underground Storage License be filed in the name of the property owner (Pinehills LLC), but the Levis family will eventually purchase the 10,000 square-foot property and operate the gas station, he said. Attorney Betters noted that the station will be located in the Pinehills development, next to The Market grocery store. The proposed gas station, which has met the approval of the Planning Board, he reported, will service Pinehills residents and local residents, alike.

Seeing no questions from the Board, Chairman Hallisey opened the hearing to public comment. No citizens came forth, and, thus, Chairman Hallisey closed the hearing to await a motion.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to grant an Underground Storage License of Flammables/Combustibles to Pinehills LLC, 33 Summerhouse Drive, for 24,000 gallons of storage. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

## **PROPOSAL OF AQUACULTURE REGULATIONS**

Plymouth's Harbormaster, Chad Hunter, provided a presentation on the proposed regulations he has drafted for aquaculture operations within the harbor. Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Hunter displayed maps detailing those areas that may be suitable for aquaculture, and he offered the following information:

Aquaculture is a sustainable practice that is known to offer a number of benefits for host communities, i.e. water filtration, job creation, and the ability to offer residents locally harvested food. The introduction of oysters and similar species to the harbor will help to improve the quality of the water and open other shellfishing areas. In recent years, a number

of residents have expressed an interest in aquaculture, perhaps due in part to the success that the Town of Duxbury has experienced with its aquaculture industry.

Mr. Hunter reviewed the draft aquaculture regulations and proposed application process. The Town must first establish a waiting list for applicants via lottery. Once eligible, applicants must follow the procedures outlined in the regulations. The Harbormaster (as shellfish constable) and the Conservation Commission will receive and review each submission and provide comments to the Selectmen (the licensing authority), who may approve or deny the application. If the application receives preliminary approval from the Selectmen, the prospective license holder must then seek authorization from the Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries (“DMF”). DMF, along with the Harbormaster, will conduct a site inspection of the proposed lease area to assess environmental and boating access issues. Once approval is given by DMF, the Selectmen may grant final approval for the license and initiate a lease agreement for harbor acreage with the applicant. The leased area—which may be no more than 3 acres maximum—must be surveyed by a licensed professional and is subject to periodic inspection for compliance.

Following Mr. Hunter’s presentation, members of the Board posed questions and offered comments on the proposed regulations. Though there are potentially 226 acres that the Town could lease, Mr. Hunter explained, State laws prevent the Town from charging licensees more than \$25 per acre, annually. Based on such restrictions, he noted, aquaculture licenses/leases will not generate a significant amount of direct revenue to the Town.

Selectman Muratore made an observation that aquaculture licensees are poised to make lucrative profits from successful harvests, but profits and job creation could have a positive trickle-down effect on the local economy. Selectman Brewster offered her recommendation that the permit fee be set at an amount that will adequately cover the number of hours that staff must devote to the processing and monitoring of aquaculture licenses.

Mr. Hunter asked the Selectmen to table their decision on the aquaculture regulations, to allow time for further review and input from the public. Seeing no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Hallisey opened the discussion to public comment.

Christopher Davidson remarked upon the similarities between Duxbury’s aquaculture regulations and those proposed for Plymouth, noting his opinion that Duxbury’s regulations are flawed. The 12-month residency requirement proposed in Plymouth’s aquaculture regulations, he said, is not stringent enough to prevent out-of-town corporations from establishing residency and reaping profits from public property that should only be made available to true local residents. Mr. Davidson recommended against the lottery system and, instead, advocated for stricter residency requirements and licensing guidelines that will properly identify qualified applicants.

Mr. Hunter affirmed that he would schedule a public hearing at which residents may discuss the regulations and offer input. Following the hearing, Mr. Hunter said, comments will be compiled and brought back before the Board for consideration.



## SOLID WASTE OPTIONS

Jonathan Beder, Director of Public Works, provided the Selectmen with an outline of options for the disposal of the Town's solid waste. Mr. Beder discussed the objectives of the presentation, and he referenced the cover memo he provided for the Selectmen's meeting packet, in which Mr. Beder noted the potential advantages to the implementation of a curbside program with a Pay-As-You-Throw "PAYT") / single stream component.

Following his introductory remarks, Mr. Beder turned the presentation over to representatives from Weston & Sampson, an environmental and engineering consulting firm. Michael Scipione, president of Weston & Sampson, reviewed the scope of the work assigned to his consulting firm, noting that the main objective of the study was to provide the Town with a planning tool to evaluate future options for the management of solid waste. Mr. Scipione explained that, for the current study, he and his associates built upon a previous study they conducted for the Town in 2007. The various options that were evaluated for the current study, he said, were:

- Rebuild South Street and operate 3 transfer stations
- Close South Street and operate 2 transfer stations
- Build one central transfer station
- Implement a curbside collection program
- Offer a curbside collection program by subscription service with private haulers
- Offer a combination of curbside collection with limited transfer station service

Michael Richard, Project Manager at Weston & Sampson, discussed the financial assumptions and "baseline conditions" on which the findings in the report were based. Costs for the final evaluation, he reported, were projected out to 2016, after the Town's current waste disposal agreement with SEMASS expires at the end of 2015. Mr. Richard listed the following assumptions and calculations:

- Operating costs are assumed to increase by 2% annually
- There will be approximately 11,600 subscribers for transfer station services or 21,500 eligible dwelling units for curbside collection services in FY 2016
- All Capital expenditures will be financed over 10 years at 4.5% beginning in FY 2012
- Capital expenditures are calculated using traditional loan amortization schedule and not using equal principal payment method
- Local disposal assumes comparable tip fees at Bourne LF, SEMASS or Crapo Hill LF (Dartmouth, MA)
- Local disposal costs are based on the current SEMASS agreement and are assumed to increase to local rates at the end of the agreement
- Long distance costs are based on Seneca Meadows LF in New York

- Status quo operation of three transfer stations includes capital costs for re-constructing South Street transfer station.
- The option of operating two transfer stations includes capital costs for renovating the Manomet transfer station and building one new transfer station at a Town-owned site (South Street)
- For one localized transfer station facility, the new facility will include compactors and trailer units; scenario also includes capital cost to construct new facility at South Street and the reassignment of one staff member from the current program
- For curbside collection, the Town will operate 1 transfer station on a limited basis for the residents' convenience; capital costs are included to remodel existing transfer station or to construct new facility
- Subscription Service costs based on rates for surrounding communities and input from vendors projected to 2016

Mr. Richard reviewed Weston & Sampson's assessment of baseline conditions. The cost per household, he reported, was projected from \$180 in 2011 (based on the FY2011 budget) to \$303 in 2016. Mr. Richard then discussed the pros and cons of the various options evaluated within the report in comparison to the baseline conditions. Lastly, Mr. Richard listed the options deemed as the most cost effective, followed by anticipated cost reductions produced by waste reduction and recycling programs:

MSW/Recyclables Collection & Transportation Options (2016)		Total Annual Cost per Household	w/Single Stream Recycling	w/PAYT	w/Combined Single Stream Recycling and PAYT
Transfer Station Operation	Status Quo (requires rebuilding South Street transfer station)	\$312	\$296 - \$304	\$263 - \$280	\$247 - \$271
	Build New Central Facility	\$302	\$285 - \$294	\$253 - \$269	\$236 - \$261
Curbside Collection	Curbside Collection (Private Contractor), Direct Haul	\$321	\$305 - \$313	\$271 - \$288	\$254 - \$279

Mr. Scipione resumed the presentation with a list of "next steps" and recommendations for the Board of Selectmen:

- Negotiate a local solid waste disposal contract
- Decide on a solid waste collection option
- Choose options to increase recycling (if any): single stream recycling, Pay-As-You-Throw, and/or a combination of single stream recycling and PAYT

Following the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Scipione responded to questions from the Selectmen regarding the means by which Weston & Sampson estimated cost projections and the reason why a combination of PAYT and (the Town's current system of) separated recyclables was not listed as an option for consideration. Mr. Scipione reported that Weston & Sampson carefully reviewed solid waste expense escalations and disposal agreements with

other communities in order to project figures as realistically as possible. With regard to recycling options, Mr. Scipione acknowledged that separated recyclables can garner the Town more revenue than single-stream (unsorted), but only when the recycling market dictates favorable prices. It may be best for the Town to choose the more convenient single-stream process and leave fluctuating markets to the private sector, Mr. Scipione said.

Seeing no further questions from the Board, Chairman Hallisey opened the discussion to public comment.

Linda Benezra of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (“SWAC”) reported that she and her fellow committee members reviewed the Weston & Sampson report, page by page, during a recent meeting at which Mr. Stankiewicz and Mr. Beder were in attendance. At the conclusion of the review, Ms. Benezra said, the SWAC voted to (1) formally accept the Weston & Sampson report and (2) urge the Selectmen to make Pay-As-You-Throw (“PAYT”) a component of any future solid waste options.

Kevin Doyle inquired if there would be a separate fee structure for senior citizens if the Town chooses to move towards curbside collection. Mr. Doyle also asked if a PAYT component would include the separate purchase of bags to go into the curbside bins.

Mr. Scipione responded that Weston & Sampson’s study did not go as far as to identify a discounted fee for senior citizens. With regard to curbside collection with a PAYT component, Mr. Scipione indicated that the separate purchase of bags was not part of the options/scenarios that were outlined in the report.

Mr. Stankiewicz explained that PAYT could be incorporated into a curbside program either through different size containers or by separate purchase of bags – it is up to the Selectmen to decide which direction is best for the Town. The Weston & Sampson report has provided some general, overall costs on which the Board can choose a direction, he said. From there, Mr. Stankiewicz explained, staff can work out the details.

Harvey LeSueur of Precinct 5 recognized the amount of work and time devoted by the members of the SWAC, and he encouraged the Selectmen to heed the committee’s advice. As the Selectmen determine the final solution for management of Plymouth’s solid waste, he said, a good deal of consideration should be given to the true amount of trash that each household generates. Bylaws must be strictly enforced, businesses should pay their fair share, and outside residents must not be allowed to utilize Plymouth’s transfer stations, Mr. LeSueur opined. If the cost to cap the South Street Transfer Station will be borne by all taxpayers, he questioned, should the Town consider the elimination of user fees and the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund?

Mr. Stankiewicz asserted that the options presented for Town-operated waste management services are strictly intended for residential households—not for businesses.

Dale Webber, identifying himself as a taxpayer, ratepayer, employee of the Town, and employee representative, stated his support for the proposal that the Town assume operation

of the “hard-to-manage” waste facility off Beaver Dam Road. Mr. Webber referenced the response to a survey that was distributed to residents some years ago which indicated that a majority of Plymouth’s citizens would prefer that the Town maintain its drop-off transfer station program, as-is. He offered several recommendations on the management of expenses from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, noting his belief that recycling revenues should be used to offset user fees, rather than set aside as retained earnings. With regard to the Weston & Sampson report, Mr. Webber questioned the basis of the assumptions made, and he offered his opinion that there are a number of other options for the Town that were not addressed in the report. No curbside program can handle or compete with the current services provided, he said, and residents should consider the impact that curbside collection—with trash trucks stopping at every household on the street—will have on traffic throughout town.

Plymouth resident Jim Sweeney addressed the Board to offer what he described as a “fourth option” – gasification technology. Mr. Sweeney noted that he has advocated for the use of this new waste management technology at several meetings of the SWAC and the Cape Cod Commission (a cooperative of Cape Cod communities established to investigate regional approaches to services and infrastructure). Plymouth, he said, could partner with a gasification manufacturer to establish its own unit on Town property. The DPW would then operate the three existing transfer stations, separate recyclables, and bring the Town’s waste to the gasification unit, where the waste is transferred to energy, at a profit, he explained. Mr. Sweeney recommended that the Town capitalize on the opportunity to turn its waste into profit and set an example for other communities.

Mr. Beder noted that, though new technologies are important to consider, the gasification process described by Mr. Sweeney is not yet a permitted technology in Massachusetts.

Vice Chairman Mahoney made a motion that the Board hold its decision on solid waste options until another meeting in September, to provide the public with further opportunity to comment on the options proposed. There was no second made on the motion.

George Crombie of Precinct 5 discouraged the Board from making a decision based on the information provided in the presentation by the DPW and its consultants. The study is not comprehensive, he said, and the Board must consider a number of options that were not evaluated in the report—i.e. PAYT, regulation and enforcement, single stream versus sorted recyclables—before imposing a new program that the taxpayers will ultimately fund.

Mr. Beder asserted that he, his staff, and the consultants from Weston & Sampson have all put a good deal of time and research into the information outlined in the report, so that the Selectmen could have an overall understanding of the options available for the Town. Once the Selectmen choose a direction, he said, it will be the responsibility of staff to work out the details.

The Board held a brief discussion on whether to hold its decision and gather further input from the public. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board decided by consensus to table its decision on solid waste options until the meeting of September 27, 2011.

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

**Civil War Monument on Training Green** – Selectman Brewster noted that she attended a recent meeting with Gerry Serrico (Town Meeting Member, Precinct 3) and Frank Drollett (a local stone repair specialist) to discuss the condition of the Civil War Monument on the Town’s Training Green. The historic monument, she explained, requires repair, cleaning, and sealing after the reinforcement of its foundation, at an estimated cost of \$20,000. Mr. Serrico, she said, will work on forming a “Friends of the Training Green” group to raise public awareness about the monument and organize events to help fund the repair. To that end, Selectman Brewster made a motion that the Selectmen invite the 22<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry to conduct a small reenactment on the Training Green on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion. Before the Board voted, Margie Burgess approached the podium from the audience and asked the Selectmen to ensure that the reenactment does not interfere with Veterans’ Day ceremonies. Following assurance from Selectman Brewster that the event would not interfere with Veterans’ Day ceremonies at the Training Green, the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of the motion.

**Manomet Transfer Station** – Selectman Harnais asked of something could be done about the wooden fence surrounding the Manomet Transfer Station, as the fence creates a sight line obstruction for motorists exiting the station onto Beaver Dam Road.

**Car Dealerships on Commerce Way** – Selectman Hallisey noted that he attended the August 29, 2011 meeting of the Planning Board, at which the zoning matter pertaining to the allowance of car dealerships in the commercial zone off Commerce Way was discussed. Chairman Hallisey reported that he informed the Planning Board that he and several of his fellow Selectmen felt that the article was not properly heard at the April 2011 Town Meeting, which, he speculated, ultimately led to its defeat. A good deal of new information and clarification has arisen since the April Town Meeting, he said, which is why the Board feels that the matter should be heard, again. Chairman Hallisey reported that the Planning Board voted unanimously to support the re-submission of the Commerce Way zoning matter to Town Meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to adjourn the open session portion of the meeting to enter executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, as an open meeting on this matter may have a detrimental effect on the Town’s negotiating position. By roll call: Harnais – yes, Muratore – yes, Mahoney – yes, Brewster – yes, and Hallisey – yes. Chairman Hallisey noted that the Board would not return to open session following executive session.

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

*A copy of the August 30, 2011 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s office.*