

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: John T. Mahoney, Jr., Vice Chairman
 Sergio O. Harnais
 Mathew J. Muratore
 Belinda A. Brewster [arrived at 7:27 p.m.]

 Mark Stankiewicz, Town Manager

Absent: William P. Hallisey, Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

2012 Annual Town Meeting – Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz reminded the public that the Annual and two Special Town Meetings will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2012. The meeting, he said, will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium of Plymouth North High School.

Plymouth Industrial Development Corporation – Mr. Stankiewicz noted that the Plymouth Industrial Development Corporation (“PIDC”) recently honored its chairman, Edward Santos, for his years of service. The PIDC, he explained, was created 50 years ago by a Special Act of the Legislature to assist in the commercial and industrial development of the Town following the closure of the Cordage Corporation. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that the PIDC spearheaded the creation of the Plymouth Industrial Park, and, since its inception, over 139 businesses and 3,500 jobs have been created in Plymouth. Now that the PIDC’s 50-year charge has come to a close, Mr. Stankiewicz thanked Mr. Santos and the members of the PIDC for their work on behalf of Plymouth.

Nuclear Forum – Mr. Stankiewicz reported that, last Thursday, March 29, 2012, the Town’s Nuclear Matters Committee (“NMC”) hosted an educational forum at Town Hall on nuclear power and the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. The forum, he said, was moderated by NMC chairman Jeff Berger, and nearly every seat in the Mayflower Room was full. Mr. Stankiewicz noted that PACTV taped the forum and will broadcast it several times prior to the May election.

Hurricane Irene Reimbursements – Mr. Stankiewicz acknowledged the work done by Plymouth’s Emergency Management Director Aaron Wallace to gather reimbursements for damages caused by Hurricane Irene (September 2011). He reported that the allowable expenses under State and Federal guidelines, to date, include:

- Force Account Labor (Overtime) DPW Highway & Parks/Forestry \$ 9,531.02
- Force Account Equipment DPW Highway & Parks/Forestry \$30,681.50
- Contracts: Balboni’s Tub Grinder Estimate \$12,600.00

Mr. Stankiewicz indicated that Mr. Wallace will continue to work on additional reimbursements for Police, Fire, and DPW Water Division costs associated with the storm.

LICENSES

CHANGE OF MANAGER

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to approve a Change of Manager for the following Liquor License Holder, as detailed below. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Pepper Dining Inc d/b/a Chili’s Grill** (James Jones., 2 Plaza Way) requested a Change of Manager from Michael Felch to James Jones. Background check showed no basis for denial.

AUTO DEALER (AMENDMENT)

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to approve a Change of Business Name for the following Auto Dealer License Holder, as detailed below. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Dan Gillis Auto Sales** (Dan Gillis, 2235C State Road) requested a Change of Business Name from Dan Gillis Auto Sales to DG Wheels, Inc. d/b/a Dan Gillis Auto Sales.

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board voted to approve a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for the following applicant, as detailed below. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Cage Titans Fighting Championship** (Michael Polvere, 701 Matthew Court, Braintree) requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a mixed martial arts event to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on May 5, 2012 at Memorial Hall.

Liquor liability will be in place before this license is released.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of the December 6, 2011 and December 7, 2011 Selectmen’s meetings. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

Special Article 11 / Municipal Lien Certificate – The Board approved the increase of the fee for a Municipal Lien Certificate from the current fee of \$25.00 to a new fee of \$50.00.

[Note: This proposed increase was presented to the Board as Article 11 of the 2012 Special Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen and the Advisory & Finance Committee both voted in favor of recommending this fee increase to Town Meeting.]

Modification to Parking Restrictions on Russell Street – The Board amended parking restrictions on Russell Street to allow parking on the southerly side, westerly from Sever Street to Allerton Street, as recommended by the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation and as approved by the Department of Public Works.

1820 Courthouse – On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to table its decision on a request from the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority for permission to nominate the 1820 Courthouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sworn Weighers – The Board appointed the following employees of the P.A. Landers, Inc. Plymouth facility as sworn weighers for 2012:

- Mike Archer 6 Castle Green #4, Marshfield, MA 02050
- Charles Campbell 26 Chamber Rock Road, Bournedale, MA 02532
- Jeff Cerrone 61A Stafford Street, Plymouth, MA 02360
- Bruce Cusick 15 Bates Street, Hull, MA 02045
- Robert Frade 96 Converse Road, Marion, MA 02378
- Daniel Hartnett 6 Lexington Circle, Canton, MA 02021
- Tom Jacobs 141 Monks Hill Road, Kingston, MA 02364
- Russell Jennison 25 Point Pleasant Circle, East Wareham, MA 02538
- John Kennedy 72 Anawon Drive, Halifax, MA 02338
- Victoria Landers 16 Stone Meadow Lane, Hanover, MA 02339
- Charles D. Merritt, III 219 Spring Street, Hanover, MA 02339
- Kurt Metzger 1 Mayflower Court, Pembroke, MA 02359
- Alicia Muller 197 Copeland Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379
- Jessica Muller 29 Woodland Road, West Bridgewater, MA 02379
- John Peters 18 Forge Road, Sandwich, MA 02563
- Clarke Phillips 55 Temple Road, Marshfield, MA 02050
- Dennis Twofoot 6 Carolyn Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360
- Kathleen Walsh 22 10th Street, Providence, RI 02906

PUBLIC COMMENT

Town Clerk Laurence Pizer spoke as the steward for the OPEIU union regarding the item on the evening's agenda relating to hours and staffing at Town Hall. Mr. Pizer reminded the Board that staffing and hours are part of the contract that the Town has with the OPEIU and SEIU unions, and as such, it would be inappropriate for the Board to discuss this matter—especially while the Town is currently engaged in union negotiations for the contracts beginning July 1, 2012.

Lyn Scolamiero of the SEIU Local 88 union asked that the Board refrain from taking up the article proposed for the Special Town Meeting (pertaining to hours and staffing at Town Hall). Echoing comments made by Mr. Pizer, Ms. Scolamiero indicated that the matter should be left to the collective bargaining process. The new schedule of hours at Town Hall has worked well for both employees and customers, she said, and though there will always be a few citizens who complain, it has been her experience that most customers find the schedule of extended hours from Monday through Thursday convenient.

Steve Lydon of Precinct 12 commended Town staff and the members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting, and Advisory & Finance Committee for coming together to make the “super caucuses” a success.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE: TOWN HALL HOURS

Town Meeting Member Randy Parker presented his Special Town Meeting Article to restore Town Hall's hours of operation to Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mr. Parker acknowledged the request made by the Town's OPEIU and SEIU unions that the Selectmen not deliberate upon his article and noted that the article may not be legally binding. The basic intent of the article, he said, is to encourage the Selectmen to return Town Hall hours to a conventional, Monday through Friday schedule, in the interest of meeting the demands of local businesses.

[Note: Selectman Brewster arrived at 7:27 p.m. and joined the meeting at this time.]

Following some questions initiated by Vice Chairman Mahoney, Town Manager Mark Stankiewicz cautioned the Board from making any comments on Mr. Parker's proposal, whether negative or positive.

BOARD LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Plymouth 400, Inc. – Selectman Brewster reported that Plymouth 400, Inc. met recently to reorganize and elect new officers. The group, she said, has decided to keep its current logo and work upon its website, which will be unveiled in May. Selectman Brewster noted that the Massachusetts Office of Transportation and Tourism has announced that it will award Plymouth 400, Inc. with a grant for the 400th Anniversary Celebration.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Clarification on Curbside Pickup / Solid Waste Enterprise Fund – Selectman Muratore sought to clarify what he observed as misinformation being disseminated regarding the budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Town Meeting, he explained, will not be voting on whether or not the Town will transition to a curbside pickup solid waste program when it votes upon the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund budget.

Selectman Harnais echoed Selectman Muratore’s comments, noting that a vote in favor for the line item relating to the Solid Waste budget is not a vote in favor of the curbside program. If the Selectmen decide to move forth with the curbside option, he explained, the DPW Director will come back to Town Meeting in the Fall to request the necessary funding for the Solid Waste budget.

PACTV Show: “Today in Plymouth” – Selectman Muratore spoke about his cable-access show, “Today in Plymouth,” on which he recently interviewed representatives from a local organization that is mobilizing for change with regard to underage drinking. The segment will be broadcast on PACTV on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., he said, as part of “April is National Alcohol Awareness Month.”

400th Anniversary Committee Openings – Selectman Brewster encouraged citizens to apply for a position on the Town’s 400th Anniversary Committee. Letters of interest can be addressed to the Board of Selectmen, she said, by the deadline of April 16, 2012.

Letter from Alex Kent / Brewster Park Building / Parking Fund Fee – Selectman Muratore asked if the Board would consider discussing a letter from Alex Kent, owner of the Brewster Park Building on Main Street Extension. In the letter, Mr. Kent requested a refund of the \$22,500 he paid into the Town’s Parking Fund Fee as part of the modifications he is making to his building. Alex Kent and architect Paul Blanchard spoke to the Board regarding the request. Mr. Blanchard contended that, in light of the Board’s recent waiver of the Parking Fund Fee for the Speedwell Tap & Table—an existing space that will be modified for a new use—the Board should also consider waiving the fee for Mr. Kent. Mr. Blanchard noted that, to expedite the zoning permit process, Mr. Kent paid the fee, and he would now like the Board to consider granting him a refund.

The Board took no action on the request at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the April 3, 2012 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s office.