

# ~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012**

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Mathew J. Muratore, Chairman  
John T. Mahoney, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Sergio O. Harnais  
Belinda A. Brewster  
Kenneth A. Tavares

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Muratore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board voted 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 negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Tavares – yes, Mahoney – yes, Brewster – yes, Harnais – yes, and Muratore – yes.

Chairman Muratore noted that, following executive session, the Board would reconvene in open session.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Muratore reconvened the meeting in open session at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Muratore acknowledged the recent passing of Plymouth resident Sharon Hanley-DeCoste and held a moment of silence in her honor. From 1998 to 2012, he noted, Ms. Hanley-DeCoste volunteered several years of service to her community as a Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 4 and as a member of the Visitor Services Board.

Selectman Tavares took a moment to note the passing of long-time Plymouth resident Harriet “Honey” Weiss, who served as a kindergarten teacher within the Plymouth School

System for many years. Ms. Weiss, he explained, volunteered much of her time in service to a number of local community organizations, notably the Plymouth Guild for the Arts.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Educational Forum on Solid Waste Options** – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi reported that the Town held an educational forum on solid waste options at the Council on Aging on October 24, 2012. The forum, she said, was led by DPW Director Jonathan Beder and Assistant DPW Director Dennis Westgate, who were joined by Selectman Brewster, two members of the Town Manager's Advisory Group on Solid Waste (John Patrick Minerella and Richard Rothstein), Janine Delaney from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and two representatives from ABC Disposal.

Ms. Arrighi indicated that approximately 40 residents attended the forum, at which the panel spoke about the need for Plymouth to reduce its disposal tonnage and increase its recycling efforts, in order to financially handle the imminent increase in tipping fees for solid waste. The DPW Director, she said, talked about the need to temporarily close the South Street Transfer Station during the capping process and/or permanently close the station if a lease cannot be renewed with the County (the owner of the property at which the station is located). Other topics included the conveniences, inconveniences, similarities, and differences between the Pay-As-You-Throw transfer station option and the single-stream curbside option. The discussion, Ms. Arrighi said, was productive, and audience members provided staff with valuable feedback on the information that they felt was most important to residents.

Ms. Arrighi announced that the next educational forum on solid waste will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Plymouth North High School on Thursday, November 8, 2012. Staff, she said, is making every effort to publicize the forum to Plymouth's residents and elected/appointed officials.

**Florescent Lighting Project** – Ms. Arrighi was pleased to report that, through the efforts of Patrick Farah, Planning Technician and Town Energy Officer, the Town will take advantage of the MassSave Bright Opportunities Program, whereby the Town can obtain free low-wattage fluorescent lamps that reduce energy consumption up to 30%. Ms. Arrighi explained that these high-efficiency and long-lasting bulbs will reduce the Town's energy expenses and replacement/maintenance costs. Both the Town and School Department are participating in this program, saving Plymouth approximately \$26,400 in material costs, alone, in addition to the savings that will result from reductions in consumption. Ms. Arrighi thanked Mr. Farah and DPW employees Wes Holmes and Don Kearney for facilitating this cost-saving endeavor.

**Brush Collection Following Hurricane Sandy** – Ms. Arrighi noted that the Department of Public Works ("DPW") will hold a collection for residential storm-related tree debris on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 7:00 to 3:00 p.m. behind the Wastewater Treatment Facility at 131 Camelot Drive. No yard waste or commercial debris will be accepted, she

noted; only residential tree debris (tree branches and brush, but no leaves) will be allowed. Ms. Arrighi indicated that DPW staff will be on-hand to assist residents in properly disposing of the debris.

**FY2014 Budget Workshop** – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that, on September 14, 2012, she held a meeting to discuss the FY2014 budget with the Finance Director Lynne Barrett, Chairman Muratore, Finance Committee Chairman Robert Nassau, School Committee Chairman Dennis Begley, School Superintendent Gary Maestas, School Business Manager Gary Costin, and Budget Analyst Pam Borgatti. The group, she said, talked about budget projections and reviewed anticipated revenues (including level-funded State Aid), and participants collectively decided that the Town should begin to explore an FY2014 budget with no more than a 2% increase in the levy, plus new growth. Ms. Arrighi reported that, on October 25, 2012, she and the Finance Director held a budget workshop with Department and Division Heads to discuss the budget and instruct them on how to build their respective budgets.

Ms. Arrighi explained that the majority of the Town’s departments will need to budget their operations with no dollar amount increases, except any contractual salary step increases. There are a few departments that, based on certain circumstances, will be allowed to submit a budget at slightly higher levels, but those exceptions will be approved or denied on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Arrighi stated that her goal in developing the FY2014 budget is to provide the same level of Town and School services at FY2013 funding levels (with some exceptions) with no layoffs of personnel. Although challenging, she said, she and her staff believe that they can accomplish this goal, even with the difficult economy, the slow influx of new growth, and the uncertainty with the Power Plant payment and the County’s outstanding bills. Ms. Arrighi indicated that she and the Finance Director will present the budget to the Selectmen, School Committee, and Advisory & Finance Committee (in joint session) in January.

Selectman Brewster and Selectman Tavares each speculated whether it would be beneficial to the budget development process if the Board were to discuss the budget with the Town Manager, first, prior to the presentation of the budget to other committees. Selectman Harnais agreed. Chairman Muratore asked staff to schedule a discussion on the FY2014 budget for the Board’s November 13, 2012 meeting.

## **COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

**Plymouth Women’s Club Luncheon** – Selectman Brewster reported that she and the Town Manager attended a luncheon held by the Plymouth Women’s Club on October 21, 2012. The event, she said, was held to commemorate the Club’s 100-year anniversary of community service to Plymouth and its surrounding towns. Selectman Brewster congratulated the Town’s Council on Aging Director, Conni DiLego, upon being named the Club’s “Woman of the Year” during the luncheon.

**HMS Bounty** – Selectman Brewster noted the unfortunate and tragic loss of the *HMS Bounty* and her captain during Hurricane Sandy. Several Plymouth residents got the opportunity to meet and spend time with the crew of the *Bounty*, she noted, during the ship’s visit to Plymouth for the August 2102 Waterfront Festival.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nancy Carroll, a.k.a. “The Litter Lady” provided a brief but entertaining presentation on the importance of preventing and reducing litter in Plymouth. Ms. Carroll, outfitted in artistic accessories made from litter collected from Plymouth’s streets and parks, urged the Board to enhance anti-litter signage and increase the enforcement of the Town’s bylaws against littering. She talked about the negative impact that litter has on the environment (both on land and at sea), and she encouraged residents to participate in the November 3, 2012 town-wide clean-up that has been organized by the Network of Open Space Friends.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Muratore thanked Ms. Carroll for her passionate efforts to reduce litter in the Town of Plymouth.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE THE OFFICE BISTRO, INC. D/B/A THE OFFICE BISTRO, 114 WATER STREET**

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider the application for a new Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License from The Office Bistro, Inc. d/b/a The Office Bistro, 114 Water Street, Loring Tripp III as Manager. Chairman Muratore read a description of the premises and affirmed that notice of the hearing was given to the public in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Loring Tripp III, principal of The Office Bistro, Inc., discussed his plans to open a bistro-style restaurant at 114 Water Street, on the first floor of the former mill building that currently houses Isaac’s Restaurant (on the second floor). The new restaurant, he explained, will be on the northeast corner of the building, where the administrative offices for Mabbett’s Mills were situated—hence the name “The Office Bistro.” Mr. Tripp indicated that he aims to restore the space to its appearance in the 1880’s and utilize ‘green (environmentally efficient)’ appliances and equipment. It is his hope, he said, to tell some of the Town’s waterfront history through the food at his new establishment.

In response to questions from Vice Chairman Mahoney, Mr. Tripp indicated that he intends to schedule acoustic entertainment that is consistent with the bistro’s atmosphere. The target date for opening, Mr. Tripp said, is early January, so that he and his staff will have time to refine their service delivery before the busy summer season begins.

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

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board granted an All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License to The Office Bistro, Inc. d/b/a The Office Bistro, 114 Water Street, as requested in the license application. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to grant the following licenses to The Office Bistro, Inc. d/b/a The Office Bistro (114 Water Street) in conjunction with the approval of an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License, as detailed below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- Comprehensive Entertainment – Live Entertainment
- Common Victualler
- Sunday Entertainment – Live Entertainment
- Early Sunday Sales – 10:00 a.m.
- Extension of Hours – 1:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE**  
**MARSHLAND GROUP, INC. D/B/A MARSHLAND 3A, 986 STATE ROAD**

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider the application for a new Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License from Marshland Group, Inc. d/b/a Marshland 3A, 986 State Road, Kim Babiarz as Manager. Chairman Muratore read a description of the premises and affirmed that notice of the hearing was given to the public in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Kim Babiarz from Marshland Group, Inc. explained that she and her business partners recently expanded their Marshland Restaurant franchise to the location that was formerly occupied by Sweet Lemons. Ms. Babiarz noted that the Town previously allowed an Annual Wine & Malt License for Sweet Lemons, and Marshland Group, Inc. is now requesting an All Alcohol License.

In response to an inquiry from Selectman Brewster, Ms. Babiarz explained that the owners of Marshland Restaurant have operated the establishment at 986 State Road for a number of months—serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner—prior to making the decision to request a liquor license.

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

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board granted an All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License to Marshland Group, Inc. d/b/a Marshland 3A, 986 State Road, as requested in the license application. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

## **LICENSES**

### **FORTUNE TELLING (CHANGE OF ADDRESS)**

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to allow a Change of Address for the following holder of a Fortune Telling License, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

❖ **Irene Moody d/b/a Heart of Destiny's Wings**

- New address: 763 State Road; former address: 629 State Road

Issuance of the above license is subject to completion of all necessary paperwork.

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

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

❖ For **South Shore Taxi** (85 Sandwich Street, Sadek Gazzawi, Owner):

- Toufiq Betteoui (24 Perry Street, Weymouth)

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

### **ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE**

On a motion by Selectman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to grant a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Jaresiah Desrosiers / The Foundation for Haitian Development** requested a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for an annual fundraising event to be held from 7.00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on November 3, 2012 at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North Street. Liquor liability will be in place before the license is released.

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

On a motion by Selectman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to grant a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Richard Mulcahy / Plymouth Guild, Inc.** requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a concert to be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on November 10, 2012 at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North Street. Liquor liability will be in place before the licenses are released.

## **KENO**

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Tavares, the Board voted to approve of the granting of a Keno License to the following applicants, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved. [Note: The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (“MSLC”) plans to approve a Keno License for the following establishments. If the Board objects, it must claim its right to a hearing before the MSLC within 21 days of receipt of the letters.]

- ❖ **Aroma Tavern and Grill**, 739 State Road
- ❖ **John Alden Sportsman Club**, 16 Minuteman Lane

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**Meeting Minutes** – The Board approved the minutes of the July 31, 2012 and August 7, 2012 Selectmen’s meetings.

**Memorandum of Understanding with PGDC** – The Board approved a one-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation (“PGDC”).

**Administrative Consent Order for Groundwater Discharge Permit** – The Board approved an *Administrative Consent Order* pertaining to the Groundwater Discharge Permit at 490 Long Pond Road (Plymouth South High School).

**Purchase & Sale Agreement for 19 Acres Off Center Hill Road** – The Board approved and executed a *Purchase & Sale Agreement* for a parcel of land containing 19 acres, more or less, located off Center Hill Road, shown on Assessor’s Map 52 as Lots 26-U, 27A, 9C and 9F (Article 16B of the 2012 Fall Annual Town Meeting, also known as the “Weston Property”).

**Wild Animal Permit for Python at 6 South Street** – The Board considered the application for a Wild Animal Permit pursuant to Chapter 23, Article IV of the Town of Plymouth Bylaws from Scott McLaughlin of 6 South Street for the keeping of a 10-foot python. Along with his application, Mr. McLaughlin provided the Town with proof of the requisite insurance coverage and signed the *Release & Acknowledgement of Liability* form. Following review of the application and a site visit to inspect the way by which the python is kept, the Town’s Animal Control Officer recommended approval of the permit.

Mr. McLaughlin addressed the Board regarding his permit request. For 15 years, he explained, he has owned and kept a 10-foot python, which he named “Al,” at his home at 6 South Street. Mr. McLaughlin acknowledged that, during the summer of 2012, there was a well-publicized incident where the python escaped from the yard during a momentary lapse in attention on his part. This was the first and only incident, he said, that the python has ever strayed from his sight during regular afternoons when he brings the python into

the yard “for fresh air.” Mr. McLaughlin described Al as a “very friendly snake” that he considers part of his family, noting that he did not realize that the pet required a special permit from the Town until the incident occurred during the summer.

Mr. McLaughlin responded to questions and comments from the Selectmen. One of the Town’s Animal Control Officers recently visited his house, he said, and, upon inspection, the officer was impressed by the structure in which the python is kept. Mr. McLaughlin commented that he has brought the python to local schools for educational purposes, and he insisted that Al is much less dangerous than a pit bull. He assured the Board that he would never let Al escape from the yard, again.

Both Selectman Brewster and Selectman Tavares referenced a letter that the Board received from residents in Mr. McLaughlin’s neighborhood who are concerned that the snake is allowed outside in the yard. Considering the incident that happened during the summer when the python bit a nearby adult resident, Selectman Tavares expressed apprehension as to what might have happened, had the victim been a child.

Selectman Tavares noted that the Animal Control Officer appears to be satisfied with the indoor casing in which the snake is housed, but he asked Mr. McLaughlin to indicate whether he continues to bring the python outside, into the yard. Mr. McLaughlin reiterated that he has brought the 18-year-old python out into the yard for years, without incident, but, following Al’s recent escape, he has not allowed the pet out into the yard. The python, Mr. McLaughlin said, is allowed to roam freely inside his house from time to time, but, during such occasions, the doors and windows are kept closed.

Selectman Harnais made a motion to grant a Wild Animal Permit to Scott McLaughlin of 6 South Street for the keeping of a 10-foot python. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion, and the Board voted 3-2-0 in favor, with Brewster and Tavares voting in opposition.

Selectman Tavares urged the Board to consider adding a condition to the permit, in light of the dangerous incident that occurred with Mr. McLaughlin’s python. As such, Selectman Tavares made a motion to add a condition to Mr. McLaughlin’s Wild Animal Permit that the python not be allowed outside the home. Selectman Brewster seconded the motion.

Chairman Muratore reiterated, for the record, that the Board would be voting to include the condition proposed by Selectman Tavares in its approval of Mr. McLaughlin’s Wild Animal Permit. Ms. Arrighi affirmed that staff can specify this condition on the permit document, prior to issuance. Mr. McLaughlin acknowledged and assented to the Selectmen’s directive.

The Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of Selectman Tavares’s motion.

## **COMMITTEE APPLICANTS**

Chairman Muratore read a list of citizens who recently applied to fill vacancies on the



Town's committees, boards, and commissions. These applicants, he said, are considered "uncontested," as they were the only residents to apply for the vacant seats.

On a motion by Selectman Harnais, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to appoint the following citizens, as specified below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

**CULTURAL COUNCIL: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

Caroline Chapin	30 Morgan Road	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2015
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**DISABILITIES COMMISSION: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

Charles Schena	9 Spencer Drive	New Applicant	Term exp. 6/30/2015
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**HARBOR COMMITTEE: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

Matthew Nickerson	420 Long Pond Road	New Applicant Lobsterman	Term exp. 6/30/2014
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**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

Christine Silva	144 Long Pond Road	New Applicant Realtor nominee	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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**MANOMET STEERING COMMITTEE: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

John Vacha	12 Robbins Hill Road	New Applicant	Term exp. 6/30/2015
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**WHITE HORSE BEACH PARKING: 8 SEATS AVAILABLE, 8 APPLICANTS**

Tim Bennett	33 Arlington Road	New Applicant Priscilla Beach Association	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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Christine Bostek	172 Taylor Avenue	New Applicant Sands of White Horse Beach Association	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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Dawn Dillon	79B Taylor Avenue	New Applicant East White Horse Beach Association	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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Linda Evans	39 Elm Street	Designee Manomet Village Steering Committee	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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Peg O'Hearn	42 Hilltop Avenue	New Applicant Manomet Heights Association	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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John Vacha	12 Robbins Hill Road	New Applicant White Horse Beach Association	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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Jan Zabriskie	4 Highland Terrace	New Applicant Ocean Point	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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Cheryl Damiano	21 Lisa Avenue	New Applicant	Term exp. 6/30/2013
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## **400<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Muratore explained that the Board would appoint one (1) citizen as an *alternate* voting member on the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, for a term effective through June 30, 2014. There were four (4) applicants:

Peter DeCola	18 Harborlight Drive	New Applicant
Michael Hanlon	2 Wayside Path	New Applicant
Everett Malaguti III	6 South Cherry Street	New Applicant
Maureen Morgan	9 Peter Road	New Applicant

Chairman Muratore called each applicant to the podium, one-by-one, for a brief interview. Each applicant was given the opportunity to introduce him/herself and explain his/her interest in serving on the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Everett Malaguti III, Chairman Muratore noted, was unable to attend the interview due to a scheduling conflict.

At the close of the brief interview session, Chairman Muratore asked the Board to cast their votes for the candidate they wished to appoint to the committee.

Peter DeCola received three votes (Mahoney, Brewster, and Harnais); Michael Hanlon received one vote (Tavares); and Maureen Morgan received one vote (Muratore). By majority vote, Peter DeCola was appointed as an *alternate* voting member on the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, for a term effective through June 30, 2014.

## **COUNCIL ON AGING ACCREDITATION SURVEY**

Conni DiLego, Director of the Council on Aging, presented the Board with a summary analysis of a public interest survey that was recently issued to residents over the age of 50 under the title, "Aging in Plymouth 2012."

Ms. DiLego explained that the Council on Aging ("COA") issued the survey as part of the strategic planning process for the new Senior Center and to inform the accreditation process. Funding from the Friends of the Council on Aging, a non-profit group that supports the programs and services provided by the COA, allowed the COA to conduct the survey. With the new COA facility scheduled to open in the coming months, Ms. DiLego said, the timing of the survey was ideal.

Ms. DiLego facilitated a detailed PowerPoint presentation that outlined the results of the survey. The presentation covered the desired outcomes and methodology of the survey, as well as a historical perspective on the COA. Of the 4,750 recipients identified for the sample, 4,561 were delivered (as some of the postal addresses came back as invalid) to Plymouth residents over the age of 50. An additional 939 surveys were printed and made available at a number of locations frequented by Plymouth's seniors. Ms. DiLego

reported that 1,145 paper surveys were returned, for a response rate of 21%. There were an additional 124 surveys completed online, for a total response of 1,269 surveys.

Deb Phillips, chairperson of COA's Board of Directors, resumed the presentation with information on the survey's target audience. Thought the survey was geared towards the Town's older population, Ms. Phillips said, the COA also wanted to include the next generation of seniors, as well as those currently caring for aging family members.

Ms. DiLego reviewed and discussed a number of charts and graphs to illustrate the responses and results associated with the survey:

- Age and gender demographic of the respondents
- Residence location within Plymouth (i.e. village center / neighborhood)
- Living situation / independence and mode of transportation used / available
- Education level
- Health
- Employment history and status
- Caregiver status
- Familiarity with, and utilization of, COA programs and services
- Interest in COA programs, services, and volunteer opportunities

At the close of her presentation, Ms. DiLego talked about the initiatives and activities that the COA will pursue, now that the survey is complete. The COA's nine accreditation sub-committees, she reported, will work upon finalizing the accreditation process and drafting a 3-5 year strategic plan, based upon the results of the survey. Ms. DiLego indicated that the COA's board of directors will schedule a number of community meetings to share the results of the survey, gather additional community input, and identify residents and other groups that are interested in collaborating on COA initiatives. Lastly, Ms. DiLego thanked a number of individuals, Town officials, and community organizations who assisted the COA with the issuance of the survey.

Members of the Board thanked Ms. DiLego, Ms. Phillips, and the COA's board of directors for their work upon the survey initiative. Ms. DiLego and Ms. Phillips talked about the amazing new Senior Center facility on Nook Road that has been integrated with the Plymouth North High School Campus. The new building, Ms. DiLego said, will likely be looked upon by other communities across the Commonwealth—and, perhaps, the nation—as a model facility. Ms. Phillips talked about the integrative benefits that the location on the new high school campus will bring to the COA's programs.

Ms. DiLego invited the Board and the residents of Plymouth to attend the grand opening of the new Senior Center at 44 Nook Road, which will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 8, 2012.

At the close of the discussion, Chairman Muratore acknowledged and thanked Dinah O'Brien, the Director of Community Resources, for serving as the vision and driving force behind the Senior Center project.

## **FALL TOWN MEETING FOLLOW-UP**

Chairman Muratore referenced a letter from the Planning Board, in which chairman Marc Garrett indicated that he and his colleagues have informally asked the Energy Committee to conduct a review of the Town's Wind Energy Bylaw. Though the petitioned article to place a moratorium on all wind energy projects was defeated at Town Meeting, Chairman Muratore said, there appeared to be a consensus that the bylaw is in need of review and potential revision.

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning & Development, encouraged the Board to utilize the Town's Energy Committee to conduct the bylaw review—as this type of activity is one of the committee's functions—rather than create an entirely new Bylaw Review committee. Based on the current composition of the committee and in the interest of balancing perspective, Mr. Hartmann suggested that the Board might consider adding two new members to the Energy Committee who do not identify themselves as pro-wind energy. Planning Department staff, he said, can provide the committee with professional guidance.

Mr. Hartmann responded to questions and comments from the Board regarding the proposal to review the Town's Wind Energy Bylaw. Mr. Hartmann estimated that the Energy Committee may be able to produce a revised bylaw by the 2014 Fall Town Meeting, but such a timeline would be considered very aggressive. While the committee may never be able to write a bylaw that will please everyone, he said, it may be able to produce something that a majority finds suitable.

The Board briefly discussed how to proceed with the proposed review of the Wind Energy Bylaw. Selectman Tavares made a motion to increase the membership of the Energy Committee by two members (from 9 to a new total of 11), with the two new seats expiring on the completion of the bylaw review, at which time the committee will return to 9 members. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

Following the discussion on the Wind Energy Bylaw, members of the Board were given the opportunity to offer their assessments of the 2012 Fall Town Meeting. Chairman Muratore and Selectman Harnais both noted that they were pleased with the outcome on the votes pertaining to the 1820 Courthouse and Parking Garage proposal. The meeting went well, Chairman Muratore, perhaps because of the renewed effort of several of the Town's Boards and committees to communicate better and work collaboratively.

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

**Kids Voting Plymouth** – Selectman Brewster noted that she will be visiting students at Nathaniel Morton Elementary School to discuss the importance of voting, as part of the Kids Voting Plymouth program led by Social Studies Coordinator Kathy Babini.

**November 6<sup>th</sup> Election** – Chairman Muratore reminded the public to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The Board, he noted, is not scheduled to meet on that evening.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 9:10 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

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

*A copy of the October 30, 2012 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's office.*