

# ~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013**

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Mathew J. Muratore, Chairman  
Belinda A. Brewster, Vice Chairman  
John T. Mahoney Jr.  
Kenneth A. Tavares  
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr.

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager  
Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Muratore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Firefighter Retirement** – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi informed the Board that Firefighter Robert McCosh will be retiring on October 1, 2013. McCosh has provided more than 39 years of service to the residents of Plymouth and his most recent assignment is Station 3, The Pinehills Station.

**Labor Relations** – The Town has received 4 petitions seeking decertification of the AFSCME Town units. The Division of Labor Relations will determine whether the petitions are supported by sufficient interest. Once this determination is made, the Town is prohibited from negotiating with either union. As the process moves forward, Ms. Arrighi will keep the Town informed.

## **COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

Selectman Provenzano attended National Plug In Day organized by Christopher Fava. Selectman Provenzano stated that the Plymouth plug in station has seen a decent amount of users.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Janet Young – Plimoth Plantation

Last Thursday, America's Hometown rolled-out the red carpet for Tourism Cares for America. 300 tourism professionals from around the country were here in Plymouth for a volunteer give-back project Friday, September 27, World Tourism Day.

To quote the statistics of the number of hours worked or the dollars saved in labor costs is unexplainable. This event had a powerful impact this on the tourism industry in Plymouth for many years. America's Hometown made many new friends and the invitation to return in 2020 has already been accepted.

To the Board and residents of Plymouth, on your next walk downtown, please stop and look at the newly painted fence at Brewster Gardens or the front entrance of Burial Hill that is so striking. The restoration of slate stones at the top of Burial Hill that were cleaned of the moss and lichen and the much needed renovation of the Hearse House on the hill. At Plimoth Plantation a significant amount of the palisade was replaced, the decks of Mayflower II, exterior of the visitor center, three interior classrooms and parking lot lamp posts were all painted. The bus parking area and visitor pathways were landscaped. A fence was stained, and volunteers removed the bark exterior from two winter homes at the Wampanoag Homesite that will be replaced next spring. All of this in one day, less than 6 hours. It makes you wonder what we can do over the next 6 years as we prepare for 2020.

Then, there are the Plymouth businesses that without their dedication to the tourism industry this event would not have been so successful. The hospitality they presented was impressive and will now be the model to follow for future Tourism Cares for America host destinations.

Doug O'Roak – Senior Warden Plymouth Lodge of Freemason

Invited the Board of Selectmen to their open house on October 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

George Crombie – 10 Bay Colony Drive

Surprised the Lout Well Zone 2 by Home Depot is not being protected. Concerned about the way staff hired an independent consultant. Feels staff should utilize the recommendations from the APWA red book and that there is a lack of transparency.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: ALTERATION OF PREMISES ( LIQUOR LICENSE)**

Sandra Cotti d/b/a Sandy's at the Beach, Plymouth Beach (off Warren Avenue)

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider the application for an Alteration of Premises (Liquor License) Sandra Cotti d/b/a Sandy's at the Beach, Plymouth Beach (off Warren Avenue). Prior to commencing the hearing, 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.

Ed Angley, representing Sandy's explained that the ABCC requires us to change the license.

Selectman Mahoney asked about the approval by the Conservation Commission and ZBA being contingent on Title 5. Mr. Angley said it was contingent on Title 5.

Public Comment:

Linda Benezra – Timber Lane

Is opposed to the expansion because there is no need to increase liquor operation on a public beach. Ms. Benezra does not want to see more concrete expanded into the sand and is concerned about parking and septic.

Daniel Lane – Precinct 6

Sandi Cotti has been respectful and has no issue with how the business is run. Feels it creates good tourism and has no opposition.

## **LICENSES**

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

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

❖ **Mass. Police Association.**, for an event at Memorial Hall

### **VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR**

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Tavares, the Board voted to approve Zachery Peterson as a Vehicle for Hire Operator for Pilgrim Taxi. Voted 5-0-0, approved

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**Approve Fall Warrant** – The Board approved the 2013 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

**308 Court Street** – The Board approved the execution of closing documents related to the acquisition of 308 Court Street (Article 16D, 2013 ATM)

**Exclusive Vending Rights** – The Board granted exclusive vending rights to Wicked Awesome Productions for 3 race events on Water Street.

## **UPDATE FROM PLYMOUTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The Plymouth Education Foundation (Bob Betters, Nicole Manfredi, Barry Haskell, Anthon Schena) provided an update on the purpose and mission of the organization. They have provided grants and scholarships in the amount of 160K to many different programs. These have included Culinary Arts, Music Immersion, Adult Literacy and iPad technology.

Currently in the works is a Plymouth Public Schools Alumni Association. It is in its early stages and they are looking for people.

The Foundation will be having its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine Gala on Saturday February 8, 2014 at Waverly Oaks.

## **COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Selectman Brewster, Seconded by Selectman Tavares to approve the Uncontested Seats for Agricultural Committee, Building Committee, Design Review Board, Energy Committee, Revenue Idea Task Force and Save Money and Recycle Trash(SMART). Vote 5-0-0, approved.

The Board conducted interviews for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Historic District Commission, Natural Resources & Coastal Beaches Committee, Plymouth Guild for the Arts and Visitor Services Board. The appointments are:

400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Maureen Morgan  
Historic District Commission: Bernard P. Sampson  
Natural Resources & Coastal Beaches Committee: Paul Jacobs  
Plymouth Guild for the Arts: Samuel Bartlett  
Visitor Services Board: Steven Lydon

Selectman Mahoney inquired about the Solid Waste Coordinator/Recycling Manager position. Mr. Beder explained that this has been advertised internally and externally. This would be an administrative position overseeing the program.

Mr. Beder updated the Board on project 202 DPW projects. They have received a MassWorks grant for 1.5 million on Water Street from Rotary to Nelson Park. Selectman Mahoney asked about the 3 million needed for burial Hill. Mr. Beder explained that this is for the entrance, walkway and lighting.

## **WHITE HORSE BEACH PARKING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The committee has finished drafting their final report and provided the Board with a presentation on their findings and recommendations.

### Board Comment:

Selectman Mahoney asked if the Committee had reached out to the PGDC concerning enforcement. The response from the PGDC would be that they need jurisdiction.

### Public Comment:

Linda Evans – Top priority should be how those directly affected feel. People did not want permit or dune parking. Need correct signage and increased fines. Also need consistent enforcement.

Chris Cully (36 Beach St): Presentation does not show the fracture to community. People have clicks and threats have been made. More discussion and research is needed and people in Manomet Heights should get more consideration.

Tom Perkeraro (21 Hilltop): Police have been doing a good job and they are ticketing. Problem is that there is not one parking space north of the river. South of the river is getting the brunt of the problems.

Patty Angitis (125G Taylor Ave): Urged the Town to address the parking concerns.

Kevin Doyle (Beach Street): 18-20 days a year is when the problem arises. During the week it is not so bad but weekends are rough. Town should look at empty lots and purchasing cottages to find additional parking. Parking issue is a little bit exaggerated.

Daniel Lane – A lot of residents do not like public parking. Resident parking would take away from other parking.

Steve Merrill (Beach Street): Safety is the most important and need to address signage.

Cheryl Damiano (125 Taylor Ave): Every single beach in Plymouth has a fee except for White Horse. People have become year-round residents and it is impossible to park now. Town needs a formal plan going forward.

Colleen Clinton (36 Elm St.): Rent a spot if you want a parking spot.

John Diore (6 Pearl St): Against permit parking.

Deb Brown (Scott Drive): Does not support dune parking. It is a public beach made for the public.

Peg O'Hearn (42 Hilltop): Town should develop a vision for everyone to enjoy.

Christine Bostek (Manomet Village Steering Committee): Need a proactive approach to stop drinking and illegal parking. Town should consider use of a public beach sticker.

Joan Silva (37 Beach St): There is parking available. People on hill welcome those on beach to park in front of their homes.

Board Comments:

Selectman Brewster: Nobody wants dune or permit parking so that is a starting point. Optimistic that we will get there with a solution.

Selectman Provenzano: Should look at signage and activities at the school which would limit the parking.

Selectman Tavares: Thinks there should be suggestions for implementation and then have another hearing. No easy solution but should try something for next summer. Need to balance the beach with people living there.

Ms. Arrighi will reach out to PGDC, look at data, research fine increase. Will put together a plan once she meets with staff.

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

Selectman Tavares would like a report from the Planning Board about the replacement trees on Route 80. Sad that Diversity Day is cancelled.

Selectman Muratore stated that the COA received a national accreditation.

Selectman Tavares would like an agenda item that discusses well infringements.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On a motion by Selectman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 10:07 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

*Recorded by Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager*

*A copy of the October 1, 2013 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.*