

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Selectmen voted to enter an 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, Provenzano – 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 7:15 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1820 COURTHOUSE / PLYMOUTH REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Prior to commencing the evening's scheduled agenda, Chairman Muratore introduced the members of the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority ("PRA"), who were present to offer a joint announcement regarding the 1820 Courthouse properties.

PLYMOUTH REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Robert Wollner, Chairman
Steven Grattan, Vice Chairman
Chester Bagni, Treasurer

Dean Rizzo, Secretary
Paul Curtis

On behalf of the PRA, Dean Rizzo thanked the Selectmen, Town Manager, and all those serving on supporting Town committees who helped to bring the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project to fruition. The PRA, he said, had the good fortune in 2010 to receive the 1820 Courthouse properties from Town Meeting. Since that time, Mr. Rizzo indicated, the members of the PRA, Community Preservation Committee, and the 1820 Courthouse Consortium invested countless hours into determining the future of the historic properties. While the 1820 Courthouse project was contentious at times, he noted, the PRA was pleased to see the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project pass at the 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting. As such, Mr. Rizzo stated, the PRA (as lessee) has voted to officially convey the properties back to the Town (as lessor).

Prior to handing a key to the 1820 Courthouse over to Chairman Muratore, Mr. Rizzo indicated that the members of the PRA are fully willing to participate in the process necessary to facilitate the completion of the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project.

Chairman Muratore thanked the members of the PRA, noting that the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project would not exist without their vision and stewardship. He welcomed the PRA's offer to assist the Building Committee in its efforts to complete the project.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Update on Water Street Construction Activities – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi reported that construction activities related to the Water Street Sewer Interceptor Project have been temporarily delayed. The Department of Public Works (“DPW”), she said, is working with the project contractors to get the project back on track. Ms. Arrighi noted that, at this point, it is the Town's intent to have the contractors complete as much work as possible and return the street to a suitable condition, to reopen the street for the upcoming tourist season. Any remaining work, she indicated, will be completed in the fall.

Stephens Field – Ms. Arrighi provided the Board with a progress update on the demolition and excavation of the former DPW garage facility adjacent to Stephens Field. Following the completion of the demolition of the structure, she reported, excavation and remediation activities to remove soil contaminants at the site have begun. On a related note, Ms. Arrighi reported that the Stephens Field Planning & Design Committee recently selected Ray Dunetz Associates to create the redesign plan for the park.

1820 Courthouse / Plymouth Redevelopment Authority – Ms. Arrighi noted that, as part of the process of facilitating the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project, she will create two internal working groups to focus on some important components of the

initiative: parking and visitor services. The ceremonial turning over of the key from the PRA to the Selectmen was a significant gesture, she said, and the Town will likely rely upon the PRA's intimate knowledge of the property for all of the various facets of the project.

Massachusetts Municipal Open Checkbook Program – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that the Town's Finance Director, Lynne Barrett, secured a grant through the Massachusetts Community Innovation Challenge Grant for the Municipal Open Checkbook Program. The Open Checkbook Program, she explained, is an application through which cities and towns can provide online access to all of their municipal expenses. As part of the application process, Ms. Arrighi stated, the Board must consider a vote to support the Town's application for funding.

Off Street Dam Removal Project Dedication – Ms. Arrighi reported that several Selectmen, state legislators, and federal officials attended the Off-Billington Street Dam Removal Project Dedication on Friday, April 25, 2014. It was gratifying, she said, to receive such support and recognition from state and federal agencies for the important environmental initiatives that the Town of Plymouth has undertaken.

Upgrade to Town's Bond Rating – Ms. Arrighi commended the Town's Finance Director for her work in helping the Town to receive an upgraded bond rating. The new rating of AA+ (from a previous rating of AA), she explained, will provide the Town with the ability to obtain lower borrowing rates.

LICENSES

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE*

(*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.)

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

- ❖ **Anne Camar Phelan / Plymouth Public Library Corporation** requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a book launch to be held at the library from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2014.

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

- ❖ **Chris Pastena** requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a concert to be held at Memorial Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on May 17, 2014. Liquor liability will be in place before the license is released.

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE*

(*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.)

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

- ❖ **Nicole Savini** (260 Foster Avenue, Marshfield, MA) requested a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for a wedding to be held at Memorial Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on May 24, 2014. Liquor liability will be in place before the license is released.

VEHICLE FOR HIRE LICENSES (AMENDMENT)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to approve an amendment to the following Vehicle for Hire License issued to the following business, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Cardinal Transportation LLC d/b/a Pilgrim Taxi** (109 Sandwich Street, Jeffrey Peterson, Owner) – changing from individual Jeffrey Peterson d/b/a Pilgrim Taxi to Cardinal Transportation LLC
 - One Vehicle for Hire Business Permit
 - One new Vehicle for Hire - Livery
 - One existing Vehicle for Hire - Taxi

PEDI-CAB BUSINESS (RENEWAL)

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Vice Chairman Brewster, the Board voted to renew the following Pedi-Cab licenses for the business listed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ For **Plymouth Pedicab** (4 Freedom Street, Michael Tubin, Owner):
 - One Pedi-Cab Business License
 - Three Pedi-Cab Vehicle Licenses
 - Two Pedi-Cab Operator Licenses:
 - Michael Tubin 4 Freedom Street, Plymouth
 - David Jacobson 152 Rivers Edge Drive, Middleboro

Issuance of the above licenses is subject a CORI Background Check and driving record review.

COMMON VICTUALLER (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a Common Victualler License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Anna-Maria's Dessert Café**, 20 Court Street, Ann-Marie Oriola, Owner

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Vice Chairman Brewster, the Board voted to grant a Common Victualler License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Carmen's Café Nicole**, 531 Federal Furnace Road, Nicole DiGiusto, Owner

Issuance of this license is subject to approval from the Building and Health Departments.

COMPREHENSIVE ENTERTAINMENT (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a Comprehensive Entertainment Permit to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Carmen's Café Nicole**, 531 Federal Furnace Road, Nicole DiGiusto, Owner
Group 1 – Jukebox, radio, TV

AMPLIFIED MUSIC PERMIT (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Vice Chairman Brewster, the Board voted to grant an Amplified Music Permit to the following applicant, for the events described, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Downtown 1st**, Jodie Prifti, Meaghan Doherty, Gary Wass requested an Amplified Music Permit for downtown promotional events to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the following dates and in the following locations: May 3, June 7, July 5, and August 2, 2014 at Post Office Square, Shirley Square, Court House Green, Mayflower Square and Setting the Space for Blues, Jazz, Blue Grass, Southern Rock, Light Rock, Oldies, and Top 40 style music.

CHANGE OF MANAGER (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Vice Chairman Brewster, the Board voted to approve a Change of Manager for the following holder of an All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **T.G.I. Friday's Inc. d/b/a T.G.I. Friday's, 200 Colony Place** requested a Change of Manager from John DePina to Nin Furness.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – The Board approved the minutes of the March 11, 2014 and March 25, 2014 Selectmen’s meetings.

Deed for Property off Center Hill Road – The Board accepted a Deed from Diane Millman Trask for 8,777 square feet of property off Center Hill Road, as authorized by Article 15 of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note – The Board voted to approve the sale of a \$18,127,800 1.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the Town dated May 7, 2014, and payable May 7, 2015 (the “Notes”), to J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at par plus a premium of \$158,980.80.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated April 15, 2015 and a final Official Statement dated April 23, 2014, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Re-Appointment of Voting Registrar – The Board re-appointed Margaret A. Keohan as Voting Registrar (Democrat), for a term effective through March 31, 2017. Ms. Keohan was the nominee of the Plymouth Democratic Town Committee.

Re-Appointment of Designee to Old Colony Elderly Services – The Board re-appointed Conni DiLego as the Town’s Representative on the board of directors for Old Colony Elder Services, for a term effective through June 30, 2015.

Exclusive Vending Rights – The Board granted Exclusive Vending Rights to the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce for the 2014 Waterfront Festival Event, to be held along Water Street and within Pilgrim Memorial State Park, Brewster Gardens, and Jenney Pond Park on August 23, 2014 (rain date August 24, 2014).

Pollworker – The Board voted to allow Town Employee Lynda Scolamiero to serve as a Pollworker during the Annual Town Election.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Carroll, also known as “the Litter Lady,” spoke to the Board and the public about the importance of preventing litter from entering Plymouth’s harbor, ponds, and streams. Considering the Town’s committed efforts to restore fish passage along Town Brook, she said, it is disheartening to see the trash that is littering the waterway and impeding the migratory passage of native herring. Ms. Carroll stated that, as a coastal community, Plymouth must make a ‘human fence’ to prevent trash from entering these important natural resources and contaminating the environment. She encouraged residents to volunteer for the Network of Open Space Friends’ next “Hometown Cleanup” event on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Heather Lightner of Concerned Neighbors of Pilgrim presented the Board with 3,100 signatures that the group collected from citizens to show support for the Town’s efforts to ensure that the Interim Spent Fuel Storage Installation (“ISFSI”) at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is sited, designed, and operated at the highest standards. Ms. Lightner expressed her concern that the presence of an ISFSI at Pilgrim is, in essence, transforming Plymouth into a de facto nuclear waste dump.

Dale Webber, who identified himself as a Town employee, employee labor union representative, Town Meeting Representative, and resident/ratepayer, spoke to the Board about the proposed rate increases for water, sewer, and solid waste services. Mr. Webber noted that he could not stay at the meeting for the public hearing on this particular matter, and, therefore, he opted to express his concerns about the rate increase during public comment. Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, he stated, grants municipalities the ability to appropriate excess money within an Enterprise Fund toward the reduction of user charges related to that specific enterprise. Mr. Webber explained that, as a downtown resident and representative of a downtown precinct, he and his neighbors (whose homes are on the municipal water and sewer system) are the most affected by such rate increases. He strongly encouraged the Selectmen to consider applying Enterprise Fund surpluses towards the mitigation of rate increases, rather than exclusively using fund surpluses for capital projects.

400TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION / PLYMOUTH 400, INC.

Michele Pecoraro, the newly appointed executive director for Plymouth 400, Inc., provided a PowerPoint presentation on the non-profit’s latest fundraising and outreach activities related to the Town’s 400th Anniversary Celebration.

Ms. Pecoraro stated that Plymouth’s 400th Anniversary is, in essence, an American story and a national legacy. She talked about Plymouth 400’s strategies related to the development of plans for the anniversary, identifying education, infrastructure, and innovation as the most important components of the planning phase. Ms. Pecoraro explained that, though the “topping-off” of the anniversary will be the commemorative

“signature events” scheduled for the year 2020, an important purpose behind the celebration is the creation of legacy projects that will leave a lasting impression and build momentum for future tourism.

Ms. Pecoraro displayed a map of Southeastern Massachusetts to identify the towns that should be involved in Plymouth’s 400th Anniversary, based on the history of the Old Colony (1620-1691). During the year 2014, she said, Plymouth 400 will focus its efforts on building partnerships with these communities, such as Provincetown, which will be working on its own celebration to commemorate the first landfall of the *Mayflower* in November of 2020. Ms. Pecoraro listed various private and public organizations with which Plymouth 400 seeks to partner on the planning of the celebration, including Plymouth, United Kingdom; Leiden, The Netherlands; and the Aquinnah and Wampanoag nations.

In an effort to improve communication with residents and event partners, Ms. Pecoraro indicated that she will be issuing weekly reports to Plymouth 400’s board of directors; a monthly newsletter for stakeholders; a quarterly consumer newsletter for the public; and a semi-annual 400th Anniversary Celebration magazine. In addition, she said, Plymouth 400, has plans to hire a project coordinator and a development/fundraising planner.

Ms. Pecoraro displayed design renderings of the national traveling exhibit that is slated to be launched in 2016. The intention of the traveling exhibit, she explained, is to educate the country about—and spark interest in—the celebration, with the ancillary hope that it may serve as a catalyst to fundraising and marketing partnerships.

Ms. Pecoraro closed her presentation with a list of annual fundraising events that will lead up to the signature events in 2019 and 2020, such as the annual Bass & Blue Tournament, Family Fun Day, and New Year’s Day cycling races. These events, in addition to the Plymouth 400th Anniversary Commemorative License Plate drive, will foster community support and generate funds for the signature Anniversary events.

Cheryl Soares, administrative coordinator for Plymouth 400, Inc., provided the Board and the public with details on the Plymouth 400th Anniversary Commemorative License Plate drive, noting that 1,270 of the RMV’s required minimum of 1,500 orders have been received. Plymouth 400, she said, hopes to achieve the goal of 1,500 orders by June 30, 2014. Ms. Soares directed those interested in ordering a commemorative license plate to visit www.plymouthma400.org.

Following some brief questions from the Board, Chairman Muratore thanked Ms. Pecoraro and the staff and directors of Plymouth 400, Inc. for their presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING: TRANSFER OF PACKAGE STORE LICENSE

FROM: VILLAGE VINEYARDS, INC. D/B/A VILLAGE VINEYARDS FINE WINE & SPIRITS, 144 COLONY PLACE
TO: WESTBOROUGH BEVERAGE CORP. D/B/A WALMART SUPERCENTER #2336, 300 COLONY PLACE

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider the application for a Transfer of

Annual All Alcohol Package Store Liquor License from Village Vineyards, Inc. d/b/a Village Vineyards Fine Wine & Spirits, 144 Colony Place to Westborough Beverage Corp. d/b/a Wal-Mart Supercenter #2336, 300 Colony Place. Prior to commencing the hearing, Chairman Muratore read a description of the premises of the proposed transfer location and affirmed that notice of the hearing was given to the public in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Attorney Ed Angley provided information about the license application on behalf of Westborough Beverage Corp. d/b/a Wal-Mart Supercenter #2336. Attorney Angley was joined by Joe Vega, Store Manager for Wal-Mart Supercenter #2236, Kevin Kilker, Wal-Mart's Regional Marketing Manager, and Rich Souza, Wal-Mart's Market Asset Protection Manager.

Reading from a prepared statement, Attorney Angley discussed the details of Wal-Mart's request for the transfer of license from the nearby Village Vineyards package store. He displayed a layout map of the store, noting the proposed locations of the areas where alcoholic beverages will be sold and stored. The existing licensed area at Village Vineyards, he explained, is approximately 2,500 square feet, while the space to be occupied at Wal-Mart is 450 square feet. Attorney Angley indicated that the owners of Village Vineyards were present in the audience in the event that the Board had any questions for them. He then delivered a petition to the Selectmen containing over 1,800 signatures in support of the license transfer.

Joe Vega, store manager for Wal-Mart Supercenter #2336, spoke to the board about the proposed location of the sales and storage areas. The sales location, he said, will be situated within an area that is currently used as an arcade, next to the store's loss prevention office. There will be one register dedicated to alcoholic beverage sales, and all clerks assigned to alcoholic beverage sales will be TIPS certified. Mr. Vega indicated that the area will be monitored by surveillance at all times.

Attorney Angley reiterated Mr. Vega's assertion that Wal-Mart will comply with the Town's policy on server training, noting that the store manager, assistant store manager, and all cashiers who work in the alcoholic beverage sales area will be TIPS certified.

Mr. Vega and Attorney Angley responded to some basic questions from the Board regarding the location of the sales area; the number of Wal-Mart locations that hold package store licenses; and the petition that was signed in support of the license transfer. Following the Board's questions, Chairman Muratore opened the hearing to public comment.

Peter Balboni of Pioppi's Package Store stated his opposition to the license transfer, noting his belief that Plymouth's citizens do not want supermarkets and "big-box" stores to have the ability to sell alcoholic beverages. To support his observation, Mr. Balboni cited a 2006 statewide referendum to allow the sale of alcohol at supermarkets that was defeated by a near 2-to-1 margin in the Town of Plymouth.

Sharon Sorcenelli of Cedarville Wine & Spirits spoke against the granting of the license transfer. Ms. Sorcenelli offered her understanding that the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (“ABCC”) granted a license—on appeal—to Village Vineyards, with the understanding that the store would operate as a ‘boutique’ establishment offering specialty items. By transferring Village Vineyard’s license to Wal-Mart, she said, the Town’s last available all-alcohol package store license would no longer serve the niche market for which it was (allegedly) intended. At the close of her comments, Ms. Sorcenelli claimed that there have been several alcoholic beverage sale violations at the Wal-Mart location in Raynham.

In response to an inquiry from Chairman Muratore, the Town Manager’s Administrative Assistant, Lisa Johnson, provided a history on the number of package store licenses issued to the Town of Plymouth by the state. In 1982, Ms. Johnson explained, the Town was allotted a specific number of All Alcohol and Wine & Malt package store licenses, via Special Act. In 2007, she said, when Village Vineyards submitted its license application, records indicated that there was one more remaining All Alcohol Package Store License. The Selectmen denied Village Vineyards’ application, citing a lack of need for an additional package store in that particular area of town. When the owners of Village Vineyards appealed the Board’s decision to the ABCC, Ms. Johnson reported, the ABCC questioned the quota off which the Town based its number of available package store licenses. The Town, with assistance of legal counsel, was able to prove that the ABCC had incorrectly indicated—in written correspondence—that the Town had 16 available licenses, when, in fact, the quota should have been set at 12. The ABCC, Ms. Johnson continued, approved Village Vineyards’ appeal and granted the license, overruling the Selectmen’s decision to deny the license. Thus, Ms. Johnson stated, the Town is four licenses over quota. If the Town denies the transfer of Village Vineyards’ All Alcohol Package Store License to another entity, she reported, the ABCC will revoke the license and reduce the Town’s number of available licenses to 15.

Mike Karagosian, owner of Plymouth Liquors, questioned the benefit of allowing a licensee to transfer a license that was granted by the ABCC, on appeal. Mr. Karagosian stated that the existence of Village Vineyards within Colony Place affected his nearby business on Carver Road. Trade journals indicate that Wal-Mart is a major player within the alcohol sales industry, he said, and, thus, the 450 square foot sales area that Wal-Mart has proposed does not seem to make economic sense. Mr. Karagosian speculated that, if the license transfer is granted, Wal-Mart will return for a future alteration and expansion of the sales area to a size well beyond 450 square feet.

Norman Grimes stated his support for the transfer of license from Village Vineyards to Wal-Mart, noting his observation that it would be more advantageous for the Town and the state to maintain the tax revenue generated by the license (rather than allow Village Vineyards to close and, thus, lose the available package store license).

Everett Malaguti III, Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 1, voiced his opposition to the transfer of the license, citing a concern for how the granting of a liquor license to Wal-Mart will affect the smaller, local ‘Mom & Pop’ package stores.

Katherine Shane, Department Manager at Wal-Mart #2336, spoke in favor of granting the license transfer. The proposed sales area within the store will be small, Ms. Shane said, and it will not compete with specialty stores that offer a wider variety of products, because Wal-Mart's liquor sales area will appeal mainly to tourists and convenience shoppers.

Jonathan Scott of Allerton Street spoke against the granting of a license transfer. Mr. Scott, who indicated that he works with Pioppi's Package Store, disagreed with Ms. Johnson's earlier statement that the ABCC will revoke the Town's ability to retain the license issued to Village Vineyards, if the Town does not approve the transfer. The license, he said, was granted by the ABCC on the premise that Village Vineyards would operate with a boutique focus, yet the Town is now being asked to transfer the license to a "big box," mass-market retailer. Mr. Scott stated his belief that the issuance of this license transfer should be directly related to whether there is a public need for a license in the proposed location.

The owner of Jamie's Fine Wine & Spirits of Carver spoke in favor of the license transfer, stating his belief that competition is good for business. Competition, he said, helped him to better define the product profile that he offers and streamline his operations. Licensing authorities, he said, cannot dictate which businesses hold package store licenses based on the size or perceived corporate character of the business.

Attorney Angley sought to correct a statement made by Ms. Sorcenelli regarding license violations at the Raynham Wal-Mart location. There was only one violation at that location, he said, and the employee that committed the violation was fined and terminated.

Mark Nadeau, co-owner of Village Vineyards, echoed the comments made by the owner of Jamie's Fine Wine & Spirits regarding competition. Though he and his business partner must close the business, he said, this is an opportunity for local competitors to capitalize upon the niche market to which Village Vineyards sought to cater. Mr. Nadeau asserted that he worked very hard to obtain the package store license for the business, and he has chosen to transfer that license to another entity.

In response to an inquiry from Selectman Mahoney, Mr. Nadeau responded that Village Vineyards is selling the business/license to Wal-Mart for \$800,000. Mr. Nadeau noted that he and his business partner went through quite an extensive and expensive process to obtain the license.

Ms. Sorcenelli returned before the Board to assert her earlier claim that the Raynham Wal-Mart location has had more than one sales violation, citing records from the ABCC's hearings related to the incidents.

Ms. Johnson responded to questions from Selectman Mahoney regarding the number of package store licenses allotted to Plymouth by the state. Ms. Johnson informed the Board that the state bases the number of package store licenses allowed in each community on population figures collected through census data. She reiterated her earlier explanation that the Town is over-quota on the number of All Alcohol Package Store licenses that it

may issue, due to an error made by the ABCC. Ms. Johnson reported that, despite being over quota on the number of All Alcohol licenses, the Town holds remaining Wine & Malt Package Store Licenses that it may issue.

The Board posed additional questions to Ms. Johnson and Wal-Mart's representatives regarding the proposed license transfer. Chairman Muratore questioned why the owners of Wal-Mart would spend \$800,000 for an All Alcohol Package Store License, when it could apply for a Wine & Malt Package Store License from the Town, at a licensing fee of \$2,000. Attorney Angley explained that the All Alcohol license held by Village Vineyards is an asset that will be lost, if the business closes and the license is not transferred to another entity. Ms. Johnson reiterated that the ABCC will take back the over-quota license, if Village Vineyards closes its doors and cannot transfer the license to another entity. Attorney Angley discussed the effect of the economic downturn on Village Vineyards' ability to successfully profit from niche-market products.

Selectman Tavares stated his observation that the reason why the Board denied the license application from Village Vineyards in 2007 was to retain the final license for an underserved area in Plymouth, based on the number of existing businesses in nearby proximity to Colony Place. The ABCC overturned the Board's decision to deny the license, he said, on the premise that Village Vineyards would operate as a specialty store, despite the fact that the ABCC had over-reported the number of licenses granted to the Town. The Board of Selectmen is designated as the licensing authority for liquor establishments within Plymouth, Selectman Tavares noted, but the ABCC's decisions have placed the Board in a difficult position.

Chairman Muratore speculated that the ABCC would likely overturn the Board's decision, if the Board chooses to deny the license transfer. Vice Chairman Brewster posed questions about the state's laws concerning the number of package store licenses that can be granted to corporate entities.

As discussion came to a close, Selectman Tavares made a motion to continue the hearing to the Board's next regularly-scheduled meeting. Selectman Mahoney seconded the motion.

Selectman Tavares noted that he wished to have the opportunity to review the minutes of the Selectmen's 2007 hearings on Village Vineyards' license application and the ABCC's decision that overturned the Board's denial of the license.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) in favor of the motion to continue the hearing on the Transfer of Annual All Alcohol Package Store Liquor License from Village Vineyards, Inc. d/b/a Village Vineyards Fine Wine & Spirits, 144 Colony Place to Westborough Beverage Corp. d/b/a Wal-Mart Supercenter #2336, 300 Colony Place to the following date and time: May 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Board's vote, Chairman Muratore called for 5 minute recess.

COUNCIL ON AGING BYLAWS, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Chairman Muratore reconvened the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Connie O'Brien, the vice chairman of the Council on Aging's ("COA") board of directors, provided a presentation on the recent revision of the COA's bylaws. Ms. O'Brien was accompanied by Dinah O'Brien, Director of Community Resources; Deborahlyn Phillips, the chairman of the COA's board of directors; Rick Caproni, a member of the COA's board of directors; and Conni DiLegio, the Director of the COA.

As part of the COA's efforts to achieve national accreditation status, Ms. O'Brien explained, the COA realized that its operational policies and bylaws were notably out of date and in need of revision. Records indicated that there had been no official update to the bylaws since 1973, she said, and existing copies appeared to be pieced together and inconsistent in content. As such, Ms. O'Brien indicated, the COA formed a Bylaw Revision Subcommittee to review and revise the document.

Ms. O'Brien highlighted some of the changes made to the bylaws:

- The correction of details and information, such as the COA's new address
- The modernization of terminology, i.e. the use of the word "senior," in place of "elder"
- The revision of operational policies and procedures, to achieve compliance with state and town regulations
- The establishment of committees/subcommittees that fit the COA's current needs

At the close of the presentation, Vice Chairman Brewster thanked the members and staff of the COA for the work that they do on behalf of Plymouth's seniors.

Chairman Muratore requested an update on the COA's application for accreditation. The director of the COA, Conni DiLegio, responded that the COA's application is currently under review at the National Council of Senior Centers ("NCSC"). It is anticipated, she stated, that the NCSC will visit the Plymouth COA at the end of June to ensure that the data provided within the application is consistent with the COA's actual operations.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Tavares, the Board voted to approve the revision made to the *Bylaws of the Council on Aging of the Town of Plymouth, Massachusetts*. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: "LOBSTER CRAWL" PROJECT

Amy Naples, Director of Operations for the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, and Bob Nolet, the Chamber's Director of Communications & Events, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding a community art project entitled "The Lobster Crawl."

The Chamber-initiated project, Ms. Naples explained, proposes to install 20-25 fiberglass lobsters at key locations throughout the downtown and waterfront area. Each lobster, Ms. Naples explained, will be sponsored by a local business and painted by a designated artist—similar in nature to the “Cow Parade” art installation project that took place in Boston, some years ago. Projects of this kind, Ms. Naples noted, are known to have a positive effect upon tourism.

Mr. Nolet provided details on the fiberglass lobster structures and the base on which each structure would be installed. The five-foot lobsters, he said, would be installed on a preformed concrete base that is small enough in size to create little disruption to parks or sidewalks. Mr. Nolet displayed photographic examples of a similar project undertaken in Clearwater, Florida, where fiberglass dolphins were installed throughout the community.

Ms. Naples listed several proposed locations where the painted lobsters might be installed, including Town Wharf, Town Square, Memorial Hall, Pilgrim Memorial State Park, Village Landing, and the Visitors Center. Mr. Nolet described how the project would be funded through local sponsorships. Each sponsor, he explained, would be paired with an artist who is responsible for painting/decorating the lobster.

Ms. Naples indicated that the Chamber would manage, maintain, and assume liability for the “Lobster Crawl” project. Mr. Nolet reviewed a timeline for the proposed project, noting a target date of Memorial Day 2015 for the official launch.

Ms. Naples closed the presentation with a request for the Board’s initial endorsement of the project. The Chamber, she said, has obtained a great deal of guidance from other communities that have undertaken similar projects. To protect the Chamber’s investment into the project, Ms. Naples asked that the Board consider granting the organization exclusive rights to the project. Any donations collected through the project would be allocated to the Town’s 400th Anniversary Celebration, she indicated.

Ms. Naples and Mr. Nolet responded to questions from the Selectmen regarding the proposed project. In response to an inquiry from Selectman Provenzano, Ms. Naples explained that the Chamber chose to seek the Board’s initial approval, prior to bringing the proposal to the Historic District Commission. Following a question from Vice Chairman Brewster, Ms. Naples discussed the way by which the Chamber will issue two rounds of displays: one round of 20-25 lobsters in 2015 and another round of 20-25 in 2017.

Ms. Arrighi expressed interest in the project but noted that she would like to work with the Chamber on the list of proposed locations.

Following some brief remaining comments and discussion, Selectman Tavares made a motion to endorse the “Lobster Crawl” idea, as presented by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, with the understanding that the Town will reserve the right to determine the locations of the installations. Selectman Mahoney seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

Chairman Muratore advised the staff of the Chamber to seek project approval from the Town's Historic District Commission.

Ms. Naples took the opportunity to introduce the new Executive Director of the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, Mark Carey. Mr. Carey greeted the Board and shared a few words regarding his plans to lead the Chamber.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY2015 WATER, SEWER, & SOLID WASTE RATES

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider changes to the Town's rates for water, sewer, and solid waste services.

Jonathan Beder, Director of Public Works, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Department of Public Works' recommended rates for FY2015.

WATER & SEWER

Mr. Beder discussed the number of significant water & sewer-related capital projects that are planned in the next five years, including the restoration of several water tanks, pumping stations, and the complete replacement of the Town's metering system. He displayed a graph illustrating the projected debt service on the Water Enterprise Fund and Sewer Enterprise Fund, reflecting the expense of these projects. Mr. Beder indicated that there are approximately 14,000 water connections and 3,200 sewer connections on Plymouth's municipal system

Mr. Beder reviewed a history of the Town's water and sewer rates. He offered his professional recommendation that it would be better to approach the Board, each year, for small, incremental increases to the rates, as opposed to implementing steep, periodic increases. Following a minimal increase to the water rates in FY2013 and no increase in FY2014, he explained, the Town's retained earnings in the Water Enterprise Fund have diminished. In order to fund the number of important water-related capital projects in the coming years, Mr. Beder said, the Town must consider making the following increases to its water rates and fees (see table, Pages 15-16):

Semi-Annual Minimum Charge	Current Fee FY2014	Proposed Fee FY2015
5/8" meters	\$25	\$40
3/4" meters	\$25	\$40
1" meters	\$25	\$40
1½" meters	\$25	\$100
2" meters	\$25	\$200
3" meters	\$25	\$250
4" meters	\$25	\$300
6" meters	\$25	\$400
8" meters	\$25	\$500
10" meters	\$25	\$600

Meter Water Charges Per 100 Cubic Feet	Current Rate FY2014	Proposed Rate FY2015
1 st Step 0-3,000CF	\$1.30	\$1.35
2 nd Step 3,001-9,000CF	\$2.02	\$2.15
3 rd Step over 9,000CF	\$2.45	\$2.68
Cross Connection Testing (*approved May 6, 2014)	\$50	\$75

Mr. Beder displayed a chart to illustrate an impact analysis of the proposed increases on the various tiers of water use. He then discussed the reasons why the sewer rates must be increased, making note of the anticipated expenses of addressing various sewer-related capital projects, orders from the Environmental Protection Administration (“EPA”), and the contract for the operation of the Waste Water Treatment Facility (“WWTF”). The expense to operate the WWTF, he said, will increase dramatically when the contract with Veolia (operators of the facility) ends in 2021. For these reasons, Mr. Beder indicated, the DPW is recommending the following sewer rates and fees for FY2015:

Semi-Annual Minimum Charge	Current Fee FY2014	Proposed Fee FY2015
All Service Meter Sizes	\$85	\$100
Meter Water Charges Per 100 Cubic Feet	Current Rate FY2014	Proposed Rate FY2015
1 st Step 0-3,000CF	\$4.45	\$4.48
2 nd Step 3,001-9,000CF	\$6.03	\$6.09
3 rd Step over 9,000CF	\$7.09	\$7.23

Mr. Beder displayed a chart to illustrate an impact analysis of the proposed increases on those who are connected to the sewer system (based on water use). He compared Plymouth’s average water and sewer bills to that of four other communities, to illustrate that Plymouth’s current and proposed water and sewer rates fall within an average range.

Mr. Beder responded to questions and comments from the Board related to the various capital projects planned for the Town’s water and sewer infrastructure. It is important to maintain and improve such infrastructure, he said, as it may otherwise cost taxpayers more money to operate inefficient or failing systems. In addition, he said, it is wise to implement redundancies within the water system, to manage or redirect the water supply in the event of a significant system failure. Mr. Beder discussed plans for the expansion of the Town’s sewer system, noting that the DPW will ask for funds at the 2014 Fall Town Meeting for the Samoset Street / Route 44 expansion phase. If all goes as planned, he noted, the expansion project could begin as early as the spring of 2015.

In response to an inquiry from Chairman Muratore regarding the Sewer Connection Amnesty Program that was temporarily implemented to attract more connections to the Town’s sewer system, Mr. Beder indicated that only a handful of property owners took advantage of the savings. Gary Frizzell, the Town’s Wastewater Superintendent, offered his observation that a recent upturn in the economy will likely result in additional sewer connections.

Lynne Barrett, the Town's Finance Director, responded to questions from the Board regarding the proposed rates and the way by which the retained earnings from the Water Enterprise and Sewer Enterprise funds will be utilized to mitigate the cost of the DPW's capital improvement plan. Ms. Barrett explained that, as long as the Town can continue to generate retained earnings within its enterprise funds, debt service on these projects can be managed.

Following some brief remaining technical questions from the Board, Chairman Muratore opened the hearing to public comment.

Everett Malaguti III, Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 1 (North Plymouth), expressed opposition to the DPW's proposal to increase the base rates for water and sewer service. While he did not object to the proposed increase to the three-tiered consumption rates, he recommended that the Selectmen refrain from increasing the base service rates. A majority of those on the sewer system fall within the Town's downtown and North Plymouth precincts, he said, where many seniors on fixed incomes reside. Mr. Malaguti noted his belief that, if increases are necessary, ratepayers would likely prefer the increase to the usage rates, because they have control over their water consumption.

Seeing no further comment, Chairman Muratore asked if the Board had any motions or recommendations on the proposed water and sewer rates.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to approve the proposed FY2015 water rates, as presented by the Director of Public Works and Finance Director. Selectman Provenzano seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued, during which Vice Chairman Brewster indicated that she would be willing to support an increase to the usage rates—but not the base fees.

The Board voted 2-3-0 on Selectman Mahoney's motion, with Selectmen Muratore, Brewster, and Tavares voting in opposition. The motion did not carry.

Mr. Beder asked that the Board offer some sort of recommendation on the DPW's proposed increases, to ensure that the Town can adequately address the needs of its water and sewer system infrastructure.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to increase the water system base fee for 5/8", 3/4", and 1" meters from \$25 to \$30, semi-annually, and approve all other increases as recommended. Selectman Provenzano seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-3-0 on Selectman Mahoney's motion, with Selectmen Muratore, Brewster, and Tavares voting in opposition. The motion did not carry.

The Board continued to discuss the proposed FY2015 water rates. Seeing that the Board was not in support of the rate increases, as initially presented, Ms. Barrett offered her recommendation that the Board consider approving the base service rates as originally recommended, with the increase to the tiered rates set at half of the original proposed increase (see table, Page 18).

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to endorse the Finance Director’s latest proposal to increase the Town’s water rates for FY2015. Chairman Muratore seconded the motion, and the Board voted 3-2-0 in favor. Vice Chairman Brewster and Selectman Tavares cast the opposing votes.

FY2015 Water Service Rates – Approved:

Semi-Annual Minimum Charge	Current Fee FY2014	Proposed Fee FY2015	Approved Fee FY2015
5/8” meters	\$25	\$40	\$40
3/4” meters	\$25	\$40	\$40
1” meters	\$25	\$40	\$40
1½” meters	\$25	\$100	\$100
2” meters	\$25	\$200	\$200
3” meters	\$25	\$250	\$250
4” meters	\$25	\$300	\$300
6” meters	\$25	\$400	\$400
8” meters	\$25	\$500	\$500
10” meters	\$25	\$600	\$600
Meter Water Charges Per 100 Cubic Feet	Current Rate FY2014	Proposed Rate FY2015	Approved Rate FY2015
1 st Step 0-3,000CF	\$1.30	\$1.35	\$1.32
2 nd Step 3,001-9,000CF	\$2.02	\$2.15	\$2.09
3 rd Step over 9,000CF	\$2.45	\$2.68	\$2.57
Cross Connection Testing (*approved May 6, 2014)	\$50	\$75	\$75

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to approve the proposed FY2015 Sewer Service rates, as originally presented by the Director of Public Works and Finance Director. There was no second offered to the motion.

Ms. Barrett offered the same compromise proposal to increase the sewer rates as she did for the water rates: approve the base service rates as originally recommended, with the increase to the tiered rates set at half of the original proposed increase (see table, Page 19).

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to endorse the Finance Director’s latest proposal to increase the Town’s sewer rates for FY2015. Chairman Muratore seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Brewster reiterated her preference to leave the base service rate, as-is, and increase the usage rates as initially recommended. Selectman Mahoney argued that there are too many important infrastructure projects that cannot be delayed any longer due to budget constraints.

Chairman Muratore questioned whether the Town should consider using its retained enterprise fund earnings to reduce or maintain usage rates, as suggested earlier during the meeting by Dale Webber. Ms. Arrighi expressed concern that the use of all of the Town’s

retained enterprise earnings to maintain or reduce rates will simply increase the Town's debt service on necessary improvement projects.

The Board voted 2-3-0 on Selectman Mahoney's motion, with Selectmen Muratore, Brewster, and Tavares voting in opposition. The motion did not carry.

Vice Chairman Brewster made a motion to approve the FY2015 Sewer Program rates, as follows: maintain the semi-annual base service fee at \$85, while reducing the originally proposed increase to the tiered usage rates by half (see table, below). Selectman Mahoney seconded the motion. Following some brief remaining discussion, the Board voted 4-1-0 in favor of Vice Chairman Brewster's motion. Selectman Tavares cast the opposing vote.

FY2015 Sewer Program Rates – Approved:

Semi-Annual Minimum Charge	Current Fee FY2014	Proposed Fee FY2015	Approved Fee FY2015
All Service Meter Sizes	\$85	\$100	\$85
Meter Water Charges Per 100 Cubic Feet	Current Rate FY2014	Proposed Rate FY2015	Approved Rate FY2015
1 st Step 0-3,000CF	\$4.45	\$4.48	\$4.46
2 nd Step 3,001-9,000CF	\$6.03	\$6.09	\$6.06
3 rd Step over 9,000CF	\$7.09	\$7.23	\$7.16

SOLID WASTE

Mr. Beder discussed the DPW's recommendation to increase the Town's solid waste rates for FY2015. Prior to listing the recommended increases, he displayed a graph detailing the first-year results of the Town's Save-Money-And-Recycle-Trash ("SMART") program. By utilizing the SMART system with the newly structured Transfer Station and Curbside programs, he said, the Town reduced its output of solid waste—while concurrently increasing its recycling rates—by a remarkable percentage.

Mr. Beder noted that the Town's "tipping" rate for disposing of its municipal solid waste ("MSW") will increase on January 1, 2015, following the end of the current contract with the SEMASS disposal facility in Rochester. In consideration of this and other factors, Mr. Beder indicated, the DPW recommends the following rates for the Solid Waste program:

Annual Charge	Proposed Fee FY2015
Curbside	\$170
Transfer Station	\$90
Combination Curb/Transfer	\$260
Transfer Station 4-Month	\$45
Transfer Station 1-Month	\$15

Mr. Beder responded to questions from the Board regarding the number of subscribers to the Curbside and Transfer Station programs. While there are approximately 5,290

households using the Curbside program, he indicated, there are over 4,000 households using the Transfer Station program. Mr. Beder noted that there will be no increase to the cost of the orange, SMART/Pay-As-You-Throw (“PAYT”) bags for FY2015.

Selectman Provenzano recommended that the Board consider reducing the proposed annual charge for the Combination Curbside/Transfer Station service from \$260 to \$209, simply because the fee seems too high.

In response to an inquiry as to why the annual fee for Curbside service is recommended at \$170, Mr. Beder explained that the Town did not achieve the anticipated volume of Curbside subscribers that it originally estimated. As such, Mr. Beder said, the Town had to adjust its contract rates with the curbside service provider. Ms. Barrett provided an explanation of the way the contract works with the curbside hauler; the more subscribers, she said, the lower the service rate.

Vice Chairman Brewster reminded the Board and the public that, prior to the implementation of the new SMART program, the annual fee to utilize the Transfer Station was \$186. Even with the cost of the PAYT bags, she said, those who recycle have realized the value and convenience of utilizing the Curbside program. Vice Chairman Brewster stated that she is proud of the results of the SMART program and what it has done to reduce the amount of trash generated by the Town of Plymouth.

Seeing no further questions from the Board, Chairman Muratore opened the discussion on FY2015 Solid Waste Program rates to public comment.

Everett Malaguti III of Precinct 1 asked questions regarding the revenue collected through the sale of PAYT bags and recycled items. Ms. Barrett responded that, as of the end of March 2014, the Town collected \$604,500 in PAYT bag sales. While she could not yet give exact figures on the amount of revenue generated by the Town’s recycling efforts for FY2014, she estimated that the total annual revenue could reach as high as \$120,000.

In response to a question from Vice Chairman Brewster, Mr. Beder reported that the SMART program has reduced the Town’s overall tipping expenses by approximately \$100,000, since the program’s implementation in July 2013.

At the close of discussion, Selectman Provenzano made a motion to approve the FY2015 Solid Waste fees, as presented by the Director of Public Works and Finance Director, but with the Combination Fee set at \$215. There was no second to the motion.

Vice Chairman Brewster made a motion to approve the FY2015 Solid Waste fees, as presented by the Director of Public Works and Finance Director. Selectman Mahoney seconded the motion, and the Board voted 4-1-0 in favor. Selectman Tavares cast the opposing vote.

FY2015 Solid Waste Rates – Approved: (see Page 21)

FY2015 Solid Waste Rates – Approved:

Annual Charge	Proposed Fee FY2015	Approved Fee FY2015
Curbside	\$170	\$170
Transfer Station	\$90	\$90
Combination Curb/Transfer	\$260	\$260

[Note: The Board clarified its vote on the 4-month and 1-month Transfer Station passes during its May 6, 2014 meeting.]

COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

White Horse Beach Parking Issues – Assistant Town Manager Michael Galla provided the Board with an update on the Town’s efforts to address parking issues in the White Horse Beach area. Mr. Galla indicated that, on Thursday, April 24, 2014, he attended a meeting of the Manomet Village Steering Committee (“MVSC”), at which he presented the Town’s plans to allow public parking on the west side of Taylor Avenue, from Short Street to Hilltop Avenue. Signage will be installed for safety purposes, he explained, to ensure that parking is laid out in an orderly and safe manner (i.e. away from sidewalks and intersections). Mr. Galla reported that the parking improvement—generated as a result of the White Horse Beach Parking Committee’s work—appears to be well-received by Manomet residents. The Selectmen, he indicated, will be asked for final approval of the parking changes on May 13, 2014.

YMCA Ribbon Cutting and Off-Billington Street Dam Removal Events – Chairman Muratore noted that he and Vice Chairman Brewster attended recent events to commemorate two important community projects: a ribbon cutting ceremony for the YMCA facility within A.D. Makepeace’s Redbrook (formerly River Run) development, and the dedication of the Off-Billington Street Dam Removal / Bridge Reconstruction project.

Stephens Field Planning & Design Committee – Selectman Tavares indicated that he attended a recent meeting of the Stephens Field Planning & Design Committee. The Stephens Field rehabilitation project is generating much interest, he said, and many neighborhood residents are attending the SFPDC’s meetings.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Flagpole at 1749 Courthouse Museum – Selectman Tavares noted that the flagpole at the 1749 Courthouse museum is in need of repainting.

Parking Fund Fee – Selectman Tavares inquired when the Board would revisit the Town’s Parking Fund Fee. Ms. Arrighi indicated that the discussion on the Parking Fund Fee was scheduled for the Board’s May 6, 2014 meeting.

Valet Parking in Bus Parking Lot – Ms. Arrighi reminded the Board that the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation / ParkPlymouth asked if it could operate a valet parking program as early as 6:00 p.m. in the “Bus Only” parking lot on Water Street. Currently, she explained, the parking lot is restricted to bus parking until 7:00 p.m., but the PGDC would like to allow the valet parking to begin as early as 6:00 p.m., with the understanding that buses will be accommodated until 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to approve the request from the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation / ParkPlymouth. Vice Chairman Brewster seconded the motion.

Selectman Tavares stated that he would vote against the request, noting his concern about the concept of leasing a free public parking lot for private valet use. The Selectmen’s Assistant, Tiffany Park, explained that the parking lot in question is striped to accommodate large vehicles and is not open to standard vehicular public parking after 7:00 p.m. Thus, she said, PGDC/ParkPlymouth opted to bid-out the lot, under contract, for valet parking.

Selectman Mahoney withdrew his initial motion and made a new motion to table the board’s decision on PGDC/ParkPlymouth’s request until the May 6, 2014 meeting. Vice Chairman Brewster seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 11:05 p.m., the Selectmen voted to re-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, Provenzano – yes, and Muratore – yes.

Chairman Muratore noted that, following executive session, the Board would not reconvene in open session.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the April 29, 2014 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s Office.