

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 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. *[arrived at 6:10PM]*
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 Board voted to enter an Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, Paragraph 4, to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, as an open meeting on these matters may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Tavares – 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 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Special Events Calendar – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi referenced a list that she provided to the Board of all the Special Events that are currently permitted in the Town of Plymouth for the spring, summer, and fall season. Ms. Arrighi explained how citizens can

access the “Meeting Calendars” feature of the Town’s website, to view the schedule of governmental meetings, Special Events, Council on Aging activities, and Recreation Department programs.

Health Insurance Audit – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that, in accordance with state law, the Town must conduct an audit of its health insurance enrollment every two years, to ensure that its members are eligible for coverage. The Human Resource Department’s Benefits Coordinator, she said, is conducting the audit, which requires employees and retirees to submit certain documents (such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, etc.) to establish the eligibility of any dependents that the employee or retiree is ensuring. Ms. Arrighi explained that the Town has an obligation to comply with the law and ensure that claims are being paid only to those members that are eligible to be insured.

Veterans Park / 308 Court Street – Ms. Arrighi was pleased to announce that the deteriorated structure at 308 Court Street in North Plymouth has been demolished, to make way for the new entrance to Veterans Park. Purchased with Community Preservation funds, the property at 308 Court Street will be transformed into a beautiful pedestrian entrance to the recreation area, she said.

1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project – Ms. Arrighi reported that Senate President Therese Murray will sponsor a Special Act of the Legislature to provide the Town with the ability to establish an “1820 Courthouse Fund,” into which revenue from the Local Option Meals Tax (approved at the 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting) will be deposited.

Graffiti & Vandalism – Ms. Arrighi discussed ideas to combat the proliferation of graffiti and vandalism throughout Town, especially in the downtown and waterfront district. Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that she has contacted the Police Chief, Director of Public Works, and the Network of Open Space Friends to determine if there are successful preventative programs or legislation used to combat graffiti and vandalism in other communities. The Town, she said, must come up with a way to address this frustrating and disheartening visual blight on the town.

Police Services Day – Ms. Arrighi announced that Police Services Day will be held at the Plymouth Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014. This is an opportunity, she said, for the community to meet its local officers and learn about the Police Department’s services.

Community-Wide Litter Clean-Up – At the close of Ms. Arrighi’s report, Chairman Muratore thanked those citizens who volunteered to participate in the May 3, 2014 Community-Wide Litter Clean-Up sponsored by the Network of Open Space Friends.

LICENSES

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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.

- ❖ **Bethoney's Café**, 775 State Road, Thomas A Bethoney, Owner
(Formerly Metro's Café)

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

COMPREHENSIVE ENTERTAINMENT (NEW)

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

- ❖ **Bethoney's Café**, 775 State Road, Thomas A Bethoney, Owner
(Formerly Metro's Café)
 - Applying for Groups 1 and 3 – Radio, TV, Live Entertainment

PEDI-CAB OPERATOR (NEW)

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

- ❖ For **Plymouth Pedicab**:
 - Michael Lincoln, 88 Early Red Circle

Issuance of the above license is subject to review of the applicant's CORI Background Check.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – The Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014, April 5, 2014, and April 11, 2014 Selectmen's meetings. *[Note: Vice Chairman Brewster and Selectman Mahoney abstained from voting upon the April 11, 2014 minutes, as they were unable to attend that particular meeting.]*

Termination of Ground Lease with Redevelopment Authority for 1820 Courthouse – The Board voted, in accordance with Section 39 of the Ground Lease between the Town of Plymouth and the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority, dated October 22, 2009, to execute a Notice of Termination of Lease in recordable form for recording with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds.

Clarification of Vote on Water and Solid Waste Service Fees – The Board voted to approve the following fees, as a clarification of the Board’s April 29, 2014 vote upon the FY2015 Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste rates, as recommended by the Finance Director and the Director of Public Works:

- Water-Cross Connection Testing – \$75.00 (current fee is set at \$50.00)
- Seasonal Transfer Station Pass / 4-Month – \$45
- Seasonal Transfer Station Pass / 1-Month – \$15

[Note: these fees were presented at the April 29th meeting as part of the recommended new rates but were not specifically referenced in the Board’s votes.]

Declination of Right of First Refusal for Parcels within Redbrook Development – On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to decline its Right of First Refusal on 34 parcels of land (totaling 124.63 acres) classified under Chapter 61 & 61A status that are associated with the proposed Traditional Rural Village Development known as Redbrook, as described in “Exhibit A” of the property owner’s official Notice of Intent to Convert. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Appointment to Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation – The Board voted to appoint Phil Chandler of 62 Winding Way to the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation, for a term effective May 7, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

[Note: Mr. Chandler meets the eligibility criteria for this appointment and was the only applicant for this seat. A majority of members of the PGDC must be residents or owners of property or business establishments within the defined development zone.]

Affordable Housing Restriction – The Board voted to execute an *Affordable Housing Restriction* between the Town and the Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless for property located at 366 Court Street, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Special Counsel for Community Preservation Committee – The Board voted to approve the Community Preservation Committee’s request to employ the services of Attorney Susan Pier as Special Counsel for the purpose of working with the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development on the closing of 366 Court Street (affordable housing).

[Note: In conjunction with this request, Attorney Pier will be required to work with staff and seek final approval from Town Counsel before restrictions are filed at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. The CPC Administrative Fund will cover all costs associated with these activities.]

Notice of Intent / Oak Bluff Circle – The Board voted to grant permission to C.L.E. Engineering o/b/o Peter E. Godfrey Revocable Trust, Cochise Realty Trust, and Christie Family Trust, owners of 34 Oak Bluff Circle, 38 Oak Bluff Circle, and 42 Oak Bluff Circle, respectively, to file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission regarding

a proposal to construct a cobble boulder revetment at the foot of the coastal bank abutting their property. *[Continued on Page 5]*

[Note: The plan submitted proposes activity on a portion of Town-owned property, and the Conservation Commission will not review the Notice of Intent until all property owners within the project's parameters have given their permission to file. The application will be subject to further review and subsequent permission/denial from both the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager to conduct the proposed work – this is not an approval of the project. Approval of this administrative note simply gives the applicant permission to file the Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission.]

Plymouth Long Beach 4x4 Permit Policy – The Board voted to amend the Plymouth Long Beach 4x4 Permit Policy, as recommended by the Special Assistant to the Town Manager.

Affordable Housing Compliance Certificate for 26 Murray Street – The Board voted to authorize the Chairman to execute an *Affordable Housing Local Initiative Program Compliance Certificate* for the resale of property at 26 Murray Street, as recommended by the Office of Community Development.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Muratore opened the meeting to public comment. No citizens came forth.

JOINT MEETING: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PLANNING MEMBER

PLANNING BOARD

Paul McAlduff, Chairman
Marc Garrett
Timothy Grandy
Malcolm MacGregor

The Board held a joint meeting with the Planning Board to discuss the appointment of an interim member of the Planning Board, following the resignation of William S. Wennerberg III. The chairman of the Planning Board, Paul McAlduff, called a meeting of his board to order at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Muratore explained the purpose of the joint session, noting that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to temporarily fill vacancies on an elected board, by vote in joint session with the remaining members of that particular board. The Selectmen's Assistant, Tiffany Park, indicated that Kenneth Buechs was the only applicant for the advertised interim position on the Planning Board. Chairman Muratore invited Mr. Buechs to address the Selectman and members of the Planning Board regarding his candidacy.

Mr. Buechs referenced his service as an elected representative of Town Meeting and his appointment as the Planning Board's Alternate since 2010. The work of the Planning Board, he said, is of great interest to him, and he would like to be part of the process of planning Plymouth's growth.

Mr. McAlduff, Marc Garrett, Timothy Grandy, and Malcolm MacGregor, members of the Planning Board, each spoke favorably upon Mr. Buechs' service as the Planning Board's Alternate. For those who do not understand the role of the Alternate voter on the Planning Board, Mr. Garrett explained, it is a position that receives very little recognition—in the form of the infrequent ability to vote on matters—for the amount of work and meeting attendance that is required. Mr. Buechs, Mr. Grandy added, has been very diligent in his attendance and efforts during his appointment as the Alternate voter.

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Vice Chairman Brewster, the Board voted to appoint Kenneth Buechs as an interim member of the Planning Board, for a term effective May 7, 2014 through the 2015 Annual Town Election. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

On a motion by Mr. McAlduff, seconded by Mr. Garrett, the Planning Board voted to appoint Kenneth Buechs as an interim member of the Planning Board, for a term effective May 7, 2014 through the 2015 Annual Town Election. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

On a motion by Mr. Grandy, seconded by Mr. Garrett, the Planning Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

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

*CONTINUED FROM APRIL 29, 2014

Chairman Muratore reconvened a public hearing, continued from the Selectmen's meeting of April 29, 2014, 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 reopening the hearing to public comment, Chairman Muratore asked that only those who did not speak at the previous hearing come forth to address the Board.

Linda Schumley, owner of Plymouth Winery in the Village Landing Marketplace, stated her opposition to the proposed transfer of license, noting her disbelief that Wal-Mart would spend so much money to obtain the license from Village Vineyards. Ms. Schumley cited a 2006 statewide referendum to allow the sale of alcohol at large retail chains and supermarkets, which voters defeated.

An employee of Wal-Mart spoke in favor of the license transfer. Many tourists who stop into the Plymouth location for groceries and supplies often inquire why alcoholic

beverages are not available at the store, she said, because the sale of such products at large retailers such as Wal-Mart is allowed in most other states.

Randolph Morgan, co-owner of Village Vineyards, asserted that he and his business partner have a legal right to sell their Package Store License to another entity of their choosing. Mr. Morgan talked about the significant efforts and investments that he and his business partner made to establish a successful, boutique-style package store that would offer unique and high-end products. When the condition of the economy changed, he explained, the boutique approach was no longer sustainable, and he and his business partner were forced to alter their product line to remain competitive. Mr. Morgan stated that the sale of the license is necessary for him and his business partner to pay their debts on the business and remain in their homes. Though other businesses expressed interest in obtaining Village Vineyards' license, he noted, Wal-Mart is a reputable and neighboring Colony Place business that has a right to pursue Village Vineyards' license.

In response to an inquiry from Selectman Mahoney, Mr. Morgan indicated that Wal-Mart did not make the highest financial offer on the license transfer. There were other business entities that sought to obtain Village Vineyards' license for other locations outside of the Colony Place retail area, Mr. Morgan explained, but he and his business partner felt that they had a loyalty to the owners of Colony Place to transfer the license to another business entity within the development.

John Roberts spoke in favor of the proposed license transfer, noting his belief that the Town will lose the license from its allowed quota, if it does not transfer the license to another entity. Mr. Roberts offered his observation that Wal-Mart locations in his former home state of New Hampshire have been licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for years, with no apparent detrimental effect upon local, 'Mom & Pop'-style small businesses.

Paul Hapgood, Town Meeting Member from Precinct 12, questioned whether there are any regulations pertaining to the amount of money that can be expended to purchase a license.

Chairman Muratore responded that there are no regulations upon transactions between businesses related to the transfer of a liquor license, as the license can be considered an asset to the license holder. It is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen, however, to consider the public benefit of the license transfer, he explained.

At the close of public comment, Attorney Ed Angley addressed the Board on behalf of Westborough Beverage Corp. d/b/a Wal-Mart Supercenter #2336. The transfer, he explained, proposes to move the license approximately 700 feet from the current location to an established business where the sales area will be significantly smaller than the Village Vineyards store. Attorney Angley listed the distances to the nearest existing package stores outside of Colony Place, offering his observation that the majority of those who have expressed opposition to the license transfer are owners of other licensed package stores in Plymouth. Attorney Angley referenced a petition that was presented to the Board of Selectmen (during the meeting of April 29, 2014) to which 1,900 citizens signed their names in support of the license transfer from Village Vineyards to Wal-Mart #2336.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to deny the transfer of an 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.

Selectman Provenzano recommended that Selectman Mahoney modify his motion, noting that motions are not typically posed in the negative.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to approve 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. Selectman Provenzano seconded the motion for discussion.

In 2007, Selectman Mahoney recounted, the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (“ABCC”) overturned the Selectmen’s decision to deny Village Vineyards’ license application. If one were to compare the cost of an Annual All Alcohol Package Store Liquor License in the Town of Plymouth to the \$800,000 price that Wal-Mart has offered to pay for Village Vineyards’ license, he estimated, the owners’ return on their initial investment could be nearly 16,000%. Beyond granting each community a set number of licenses based on population, he said, the state should relinquish control and allow communities full authority over liquor licensing. Selectman Mahoney noted that he would not be opposed to returning Plymouth’s 16th All Alcohol Package Store License—which was granted to the Town, in error—back to the state.

Selectman Provenzano read from a prepared statement in which outlined the history of the All Alcohol Package Store License granted to Village Vineyards. In 2007, he indicated, the Selectmen denied Vineyard Village’s application for the Town’s last remaining All Alcohol Package Store License, based on the fact that there was a more obvious demand for package stores in the underserved southern areas of Plymouth, not the northern and downtown/central areas of town. The ABCC, Selectman Provenzano continued, overturned the Selectmen’s decision, on the premise that the applicant would operate as a “niche” business. The Selectmen, he said, are now confronted with an application for the transfer of this license to another location that is situated in an area where there are ten other package stores in a five mile radius. Selectman Provenzano offered his observation that the state’s regulations on community license quotas create scarcity, which, in turn, interferes with the workings of a free market. Plymouth is a town of 105 square miles, yet its licensing quota is based on population. There is a clear concentration of package stores in the northern and central/downtown area of town, leaving the southern area clearly underserved. Selectman Provenzano stated that he would base his decision on the existing concentration of licenses within the area where the license transferee is situated, rather than the location’s proximity to other licenses. If the ABCC approved Village Vineyards’ license on the premise that they would serve a niche market, he noted, Village Vineyards and its proposed license transferee no longer fit this profile.

Vice Chairman Brewster expressed concern that the state’s legislature is circumventing the will of Massachusetts’ citizens, who voted to deny the ability of large retail chains to have an unlimited number of package store licenses. Plymouth’s citizens very clearly voted no

on the referendum, she noted, and for that reason, Vice Chairman Brewster stated that she would vote to deny the license transfer.

At the close of discussion, Chairman Muratore called for a vote on the motion to approve 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. All five members of the Board voted in opposition of the motion (0-5-0). The request for the transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Package Store Liquor License was denied.

PLYMOUTH TRANSPORTATION & VISITORS CENTER

Leighton Price, president of the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation (“PGDC”), introduced a presentation on the proposed Plymouth Transportation & Visitors Center (henceforth referred to in these minutes as the “Transportation Center”). Mr. Price acknowledged that he was joined by Alan Zanotti and Christine Pratt, members of the PGDC. Planned for the lot behind Memorial Hall, he explained, the proposed project is the result of a collaboration between the Town of Plymouth, the PGDC, and the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (“GATRA”). Mr. Price noted that the content provided in this presentation represents the results of the preliminary design phase of the project.

Jonathan McCredie of Fennick/McCredie Architecture provided a presentation on the proposed schematic design of the Transportation Center. Mr. McCredie listed the key objectives utilized when developing the design of the facility:

- Help to address the downtown/waterfront parking shortage
- Promote alternative transit modes to, from, and within Plymouth
- Add positive visual character and identity to the area
- Promote visitor interest and access to both the waterfront and downtown
- Promote expanded use of Memorial Hall and similar venues

During the course of creating the preliminary design of the Transportation Center, Mr. McCredie reported, the design team met with a number of stakeholder groups to conduct outreach upon the project and collect feedback. Mr. McCredie listed the stakeholder groups and organizations with which the design team met, noting that the Plymouth Antiquarian Society—direct neighbors of the project—truly challenged the team to understand and consider the visual effect that the Transportation Center will have upon the surrounding historic area.

Mr. McCredie provided an overview of the project timeline, noting that the final design and construction phases of the project could begin as early as next year. Following the project timeline, Mr. McCredie displayed a number of overview maps to illustrate the way by which the Transportation Center should function, pointing out the locations of the transit hub, visitor center, and leasable area within the facility. The building, he said, must be “people friendly” and encourage connectivity with the downtown. Mr. McCredie

displayed additional overview maps to describe the layouts of each parking level and the way by which traffic will flow in and out of the facility.

Mr. McCredie talked about the “exterior design expression” proposed for the Transportation Center. He described the building components in three dimensions, noting the topographical elevation and span of the structure relative to Memorial Hall. Mr. McCredie presented computer-generated images of the proposed exterior design of the facility, noting the reasons behind each design element.

Mr. McCredie displayed a table outlining the expenses associated with the Transportation Center, noting a total projected cost of \$22,657,652.00 for the project. The sources of funding for the project, he said, will be obtained through a combination of money from GATRA (through a federal TIGER Grant), the PGDC, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (“MassDOT”), and projected commercial lease revenue. Mr. McCredie thanked Plymouth’s legislative delegation for their work in securing Transportation Bond Bills through MassDOT for the project.

Mr. McCredie closed his presentation with an overview of the next steps necessary to move the project forward. Following the Preliminary Design Phase, he said, the project will enter the Final Design, Permitting, and Funding Phase. Mr. McCredie listed the next steps as:

- Obtain endorsement from PGDC, GATRA, and Board of Selectmen to proceed with final design and permitting
- Update the existing MOU for final design and permitting
- Initiate local project review process
- Finalize detailed design and acquire permitting approvals
- Secure full funding authorization and financing

The Board offered comments and posed questions on the presentation relative to the design of the Transportation Center, the cost of the project, and the anticipated sources of funding that will bring the project to fruition. Several members of the Board were pleased with the proposed aesthetic design of the structure, noting their gratification that the design team met with local stakeholders to incorporate the public’s feedback within the design.

With regard to funding, Mr. McCredie explained that the federal government’s focus this year for the TIGER Grant is “transit and connectivity,” placing GATRA’s application for funding of the Transportation Center in a good position. In the event that the TIGER Grant is not awarded to the Transportation Center project, he stated, there are a number of other federal grants that can be pursued as a “plan B” option.

At the close of discussion, Selectman Tavares made a motion that the Board endorse the plan for the Plymouth Transportation & Visitors Center, as presented by the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation and Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority, and authorize the collaborative team to proceed with the next phase of the project. Selectman Provenzano seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

DISCUSSION ON VALET PARKING IN WATER STREET LOT

Chairman Muratore noted that, during the Old Business / Letters / New Business segment of the April 29, 2014 meeting, the Board had some questions relative to a request from the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation (“PGDC”) regarding valet parking in one of the Town’s public parking lots on Water Street.

Ms. Arrighi explained that the PGDC/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 indicated, 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. Ms. Arrighi noted that this lot is underutilized in the evening hours, because it is reserved—and physically marked—for bus parking, only. The PGDC, she said, issued a request for quotes from waterfront restaurant establishments to use the lot for overflow valet parking, and one bid was submitted.

John Burke, Director of ParkPlymouth, fielded questions from the Board regarding the PGDC’s efforts to obtain additional parking in the downtown/waterfront district. Mr. Burke discussed the PGDC’s plans to close on the purchase of the MBTA parking lot located adjacent to the Radisson Hotel.

Chairman Muratore asked if the PGDC’s request required a vote. Ms. Arrighi stated that, so long as there were no objections, the PGDC/ParkPlymouth could go forth with allowing valet parking in the lot as early as 6:00 p.m., with the understanding that buses will be accommodated until 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON PARKING FUND FEE

Ms. Arrighi reported that the balance in the Town’s Parking Fund Fee is \$100,000. The Town, she recommended, should consider utilizing these funds towards the cost of the Plymouth Transportation & Visitors Center, as the fund was created for this exact purpose. Ms. Arrighi referenced the copy of the Town’s Parking Fund Fee Policy that was included in the Board’s packets, noting that the temporary amnesty program that the Board had put into effect some years ago has since ended.

Following some brief discussion, Selectman Tavares made a motion to accept the Town Manager’s recommendation to allocate \$100,000 from the Town’s Parking Fund Fee towards the costs associated with the Plymouth Transportation & Visitors Center project. Selectman Provenzano seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

There were no items raised for discussion under Committee Liaison / Designee Updates.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Downtown Merchants – Vice Chairman Brewster reported that she attended a recent meeting of Plymouth’s downtown merchants to hear their concerns. Many of those in attendance, she said, asked if the Town could put a limit on the number of liquor licenses issued to establishments within the downtown, because there is a sentiment amongst the group that the business demographic of the downtown is leaning too heavily towards bars. Vice Chairman Brewster identified some of the other concerns and recommendations offered at the meeting, including the need for improved signage, enhanced police presence (and security cameras), extended parking enforcement, additional public restrooms, and better oversight of compliance with the Town’s Historic District guidelines. With regard to litter, Vice Chairman Brewster asked if the Town could issue a letter to Plymouth’s downtown merchants, reminding them that they are responsible for the cleanliness of the sidewalks in front of their establishments.

Ms. Arrighi noted that she will be meeting with the Downtown Neighborhood Watch Group in the coming weeks, to discuss these and other concerns. Selectman Tavares reported that there are bricks missing from some of the sidewalk areas in the downtown/waterfront district, and, thus, he recommended that the Town conduct a walkthrough of the area, to identify and address such needs for repair.

Tour of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – Selectman Provenzano thanked David Noyes and Meghan Leahy of Entergy for providing him with a recent tour of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

Recent Business-Related Grand Opening Events – Chairman Muratore noted that he attended the recent grand opening events at Mamma Mia’s in the Pinehills and Michael’s in Colony Place.

Annual Town Election – Chairman Muratore reminded Plymouth’s citizens to vote during the Annual Town Election on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Vice Chairman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the May 6, 2014 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s Office.