

# ~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014**

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman  
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr., Vice Chairman  
John T. Mahoney Jr. *[Arrived at 8:10 p.m.]*  
Sean P. Page

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager  
Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

Absent: Mathew J. Muratore

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Water Street Roundabout** – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi provided an update to the Board on the reconstruction of the Water Street roundabout. As a result of inquiries and concerns regarding the size and capability of the new roundabout, she said, Town staff members have met at the site several times with the design engineer and contractor to discuss the functionality of the roundabout. Ms. Arrighi reported that the design of the roundabout meets national standards and is projected to handle all modes of transportation. With that being said, however, there is a practical aspect that is recognized, once projects move from paper to construction, she explained. Management, therefore, is working in conjunction with Public Works and Public Safety staff to make some ‘on the street’ design changes to the entrances around the roundabout, to increase the turning radius for trucks, delivery vehicles, fire apparatus, and vehicles with boat trailers. Ms. Arrighi stated that, when completed, the roundabout will be a great project that will enhance Plymouth’s waterfront area both aesthetically and functionally. The completion of the Water Street reconstruction project is expected to occur in October of 2015.

**Employee Training Sessions** – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that her staff is working with the Town’s insurance carrier, the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (“MIIA”), to conduct workplace sensitivity and/or workplace tolerance training for Town

employees. Such education, she said, will foster a harmonious work environment and illustrate the importance of being courteous and accepting of others' differences. Further, she noted, it is important that employees understand the legal and fiscal implications that can accompany workplace actions. Ms. Arrighi stated that she is looking forward to the implementation of this employee training, and she hopes to follow it with more education in the future.

**Burial Hill Gravestone Preservation Project** – Ms. Arrighi reported that Ted Bubbins, Plymouth's Parks & Cemeteries Superintendent, has submitted the Scope of Services for the Burial Hill Gravestone Preservation Project. One of the challenges with this project, she said, is the sheer size of the undertaking—there are 1,000 headstones on Burial Hill that require attention. Ms. Arrighi explained the importance of utilizing only qualified, experienced conservators to repair these gravestones, most of which are 300-400 years old, as the use of incorrect methods could be catastrophic. The next step in the process, she noted, is to collect comments from the Friends of Burial Hill on the bid specifications and project outline, prior to issuing the bid for responses.

**Potential Collaborations with Bridgewater State University** – Ms. Arrighi noted that she and School Superintendent Gary Maestas attended a meeting with representatives from Bridgewater State University ("BSU") to discuss how the Town and the University might collaborate on educational initiatives, such as municipal administration training, internships, and analysis of economic development capacity. Ms. Arrighi noted that she will continue the conversation with BSU on these potential opportunities.

## **LICENSES**

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

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to grant a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License to the following applicant, for the event listed, below. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Carly Johnson / Simes House Foundation Inc.** requested a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for a wedding reception to be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Simes House (Manomet Point Road) on July 12, 2014. Liquor liability is in place.

### **ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE\***

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to grant a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to the following applicant, for the event listed, below. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Paul Pimental / Holy Ghost Society of Plymouth, Inc.**, 12 So. Cherry Street, is requesting a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for the Holy Ghost Fiesta to be

held at the Holy Ghost pavilion and field from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on July 20, 2014. Liquor liability will be in place before license is released.

\*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.

### **PEDI-CAB OPERATOR (NEW)**

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to grant a Pedi-Cab Operator License to the following applicant. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

#### **❖ For Plymouth Pedicab:**

- Bridget Quilty            522 Temple Street, Duxbury

Issuance of above license is subject to review of the requisite CORI Background Check.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**Meeting Minutes** – The Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2014 Selectmen’s meeting.

**Exclusive Vending Rights / Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association** – The Board voted to grant Exclusive Vending Rights to the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association for the Regional Fly-In event to be held at the Plymouth Municipal Airport from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2014.

**Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association / Project Arts of Plymouth** – The Board voted to grant Exclusive Vending Rights to Project Arts of Plymouth for the 2014 Free Concert Series at Pilgrim Memorial State Park for the following dates:

- Wednesday Evening Concert Series – Wednesdays June 25<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Plymouth Harbor Roots & Blues Festival – July 12, 2014
- Plymouth Rock Harborfest – August 9, 2014

### **UPDATE ON THE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE & FIREWORKS EVENTS**

Jeff Metcalfe visited the Board on behalf of July 4 Plymouth, Inc. to present an update on plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade & fireworks events. To date, he reported, July 4 Plymouth, Inc. has raised approximately \$80,000 of its fundraising goal of \$115,000. The event cannot happen, he noted, if the committee does not reach its fundraising goal.

Mr. Metcalfe made mention of the marching bands and political candidates that will participate in the parade. The committee needs volunteers, he explained, to carry the banners that identify the parade sponsors. Mr. Metcalfe provided the addresses through which citizens and businesses can make donations ([www.july4plymouth.com](http://www.july4plymouth.com) and P.O.

Box 1776, Plymouth, MA 02362), and he provided his personal phone number for those who would like to volunteer (774-454-7316).

In response to an inquiry from Vice Chairman Provenzano, Mr. Metcalfe noted that July 4 Plymouth, Inc.'s initial plans to hold a fundraiser were put on hold, simply based on the amount of time necessary to adequately promote such an event and the number of competing fundraising events that are scheduled locally during the month of June.

## **JOINT MEETING: PSHS SCHEMATIC DESIGN SCOPE & BUDGET**

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dennis Begley, Chairman  
Michelle Badger, Vice Chairman  
Margie Burgess  
Kim Savery Hunt  
Robert Morgan  
James Sorenson

### EXTENDED BUILDING COMMITTEE

David Peck, Chairman  
Robert Bielen  
Andrew Golden  
Merlin Ladd III  
Christy Murphy  
Margie Burgess (School Committee)  
James Sorenson (School Committee)  
Melissa Arrighi (Town Manager)  
Lynne Barrett (Finance Director)  
Barry Haskell (Education Rep.)  
Gary Maestas (Superintendent)  
Arthur Montrond (Bldg. Maintenance)

David Peck noted that the Building Committee was already in session from its scheduled meeting of 6:30 p.m. Dennis Begley called a meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:15 p.m.

School Superintendent Gary Maestas introduced the presentation for the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Extended Building Committee on the Schematic Design Scope & Budget for the Plymouth South High School ("PSHS") Project. Superintendent Maestas provided a history and timeline of the project, noting that the joint session of the boards/committees in February 2014 agreed to pursue the new construction option for PSHS. This evening's joint meeting, he explained, represents the fourth module within the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") funding process.

Jim Jordan of Ai3 Architects reviewed a history of the steps and actions taken by the Town of Plymouth within the MSBA funding process. On March 26, 2014, he reported, MSBA's board of directors met and approved Plymouth's Preferred Schematic Solution for PSHS, allowing the project to move into the Schematic Design phase. Mr. Jordan reviewed the forthcoming deadlines and timelines associated with the next steps which the Town must undertake to satisfy the requirements of the MSBA funding process.

Mr. Jordan displayed the proposed site plan for the new PSHS facility and campus. The only difference between the current plan and that which was presented to the joint session in February 2014, he explained, is the orientation of the proposed new PSHS facility,

which has been rotated away from the nearby well site. Mr. Jordan provided the joint session with three-dimensional renderings of the site and discussed which elements within the current campus would remain in the same location; which elements would be moved; and which elements would be added or completely removed. He reviewed the proposed floor plan for the new PSHS facility, which, for the most part, he said, remains the same as that which was presented in February. Mr. Jordan compared the layouts of the new Plymouth North High School (“PNHS”) facility with that of the proposed PSHS facility, and he described the way by which PSHS’s vocational components require a different type of design. In addition, he noted how the number of primary and secondary entry points within the design of the new PSHS influenced the overall aesthetic design for the new facility.

Mr. Jordan provided computer-generated renderings of the proposed design for the exterior of the school. Though the design of the exterior will generally mimic the classic New England themes and materials of the PNHS facility, he said, modern elements will be integrated to match the school’s forward-thinking vocational programs. Mr. Jordan then closed his presentation with information on the deadlines associated with the Schematic Design Phase.

In response to an inquiry from Vice Chairman Provenzano, School Facilities Director Arthur Montrond indicated that, despite a few unanticipated issues, the new facility at PNHS is operating well. By using the same architects, design elements, and mechanical systems for the PSHS facility as in the PNHS facility, Mr. Montrond said, the learning curve for managing the new building will be less challenging.

Seeing no further questions from the Board, Chairman Tavares opened the presentation to public comment. No citizens came forth to speak.

David Peck of the Building Committee noted that the new PSHS facility is slated to be ready for the fall of 2017. This process, he explained, began in 2006 with the voter referendum that approved the funding for these projects. It has been (and will be) a complex and interesting process for the Town of Plymouth to construct two new school facilities over the course of 11 years, Mr. Peck said.

At the close of discussion, Vice Chairman Provenzano made a motion that, having met in open session in accordance with Open Meeting Laws and having received a report from the architects relative to the Schematic Design Project Scope and Budget, the Board of Selectmen approves and authorizes the Owner’s Project Manager to submit the Schematic Design Project Scope and Budget Documents to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for review and evaluation in support of moving forward with and funding of the Plymouth South High School building project. Selectman Page seconded the motion, and the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0 in favor.

Michelle Badger made a motion that, having met in open session in accordance with Open Meeting Laws and having received a report from the architects relative to the Schematic Design Project Scope and Budget, the School Committee approves and authorizes the Owner’s Project Manager to submit the Schematic Design Project Scope and Budget

Documents to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for review and evaluation in support of moving forward with and funding of the Plymouth South High School building project. James Sorenson seconded the motion, and the School Committee voted unanimously (6-0-0) in favor.

Andrew Golden made a motion that, having met in open session in accordance with Open Meeting Laws and having received a report from the architects relative to the Schematic Design Project Scope and Budget, the Extended Building Committee approves and authorizes the Owner's Project Manager to submit the Schematic Design Project Scope and Budget Documents to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for review and evaluation in support of moving forward with and funding of the Plymouth South High School building project. James Sorenson seconded the motion, and the Extended Building Committee voted unanimously (12-0-0) in favor.

Vice Chairman Provenzano made a motion to further authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Project Scope and Budget Agreement and a Project Funding Agreement with the MSBA for the Plymouth South High School Project for a Total Project Amount not to exceed \$107.8 million dollars. Selectman Page seconded the motion, and the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0 in favor.

At the close of the joint session, Superintendent Maestas indicated that he would provide a status report on the PSHS project to the Selectmen during the summer. It is anticipated, Superintendent Maestas said, that the Town will receive a 53% reimbursement from the MSBA for the expense of the new PSHS facility.

Dennis Begley adjourned the meeting of the School Committee, without objection, at 7:47 p.m. On a motion by Margie Burgess, seconded by Robert Bielen, the Extended Building Committee voted unanimously to adjourn its meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Chairman Tavares called for a brief recess, to allow the members of the School Committee and Extended Building Committee to exit the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Tavares reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Dottie Belanger, a retired teacher from the Plymouth Public School System, reminded the Board and the public of an event that she is organizing in honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National Flag (1814-2014). The Smithsonian, she explained, is putting together a nationwide, simultaneous "singalong" at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time to reunite the penning of the original lyrics of the National Anthem with the 1814 flag. Ms. Belanger noted that, in honor of the event, she has organized a chorus of seniors, the "Golden Melodies," to lead America's Hometown in singing the National Anthem on the grounds of the Plymouth Public Library on June 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. She encouraged those wishing to attend or participate in the event to arrive by 3:30 p.m.

Joanne Sayers spoke to the Board about removing the deteriorating structure at 277 Taylor Avenue that formerly housed The Full Sail bar. As the owner of nearby property on Taylor Avenue since 1977, Ms. Sayers expressed her concerns about the safety of the structure, which, she said, has been vandalized, broken into, and occupied by homeless citizens since the liquor license was revoked from that location nearly 20 years ago. Ms. Sayers asked the Board if it can work with the residents of the neighborhood to (a) force the owner of the property to bring the building up to code, (b) take the structure by eminent domain, or (c) declare the structure uninhabitable and demand that it be demolished.

Chairman Tavares directed Ms. Sayers' concerns to the Assistant Town Manager and asked that a follow-up response be provided on the matter within two weeks.

Mary Byron, Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 6, echoed Ms. Sayers' concerns regarding the former Full Sail bar location on Taylor Avenue, noting that many of her constituents have contacted her about this matter. In 1950, she reported, a serious fire at property near the Full Sail location threatened a number of adjacent homes in the densely populated neighborhood. Ms. Byron thanked the Board for the recent attention that it has given to the east end of White Horse Beach, and, to that end, she expressed her hope that the Board would assist the homeowners of the west end of White Horse Beach.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Tavares indicated that the Board would consider a list of applicants for a number of open seats on the Town's various committees, boards, and commissions. This particular list of proposed appointments, he explained, does not contain any "contested" seats (i.e. more applicants than available openings). Chairman Tavares asked each applicant to stand and be recognized when his/her name was called.

### **AIRPORT COMMISSION: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 2 APPLICANTS**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizens to the Airport Commission, for the terms listed, below.

Douglas R. Crociati	14 Dunham Road	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2017
Kenneth E. Fosdick	37 Union Street	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2017

### **BOARD OF HEALTH: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizen to the Board of Health, for the term listed, below.

Richard Manfredi	9 Knapp Terrace	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2017
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**COUNCIL ON AGING: 3 SEATS AVAILABLE, 3 APPLICANTS**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizens to the Council on Aging, for the terms listed, below.

Ronnie Lazarus	249 Jordan Road	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2017
Sarah McColgan	50 Nightingale Rd.	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2017
Debra Zona	22 Fox Road	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2017

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizen to the Conservation Commission, for the term listed, below.

Gerre Hooker	28 Janet Street	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2017
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**ENERGY COMMITTEE: 5 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizen to the Energy Committee, for the term listed, below.

Anatol Zukerman	1 Shinglewood	New Applicant	Term exp. 6/30/2017
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**HARBOR COMMITTEE: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizen to the Harbor Committee, for the term listed, below.

Paul M. Quintal	42 West Pond Road	Incumbent Party Boat Operator	Term exp. 6/30/2017
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**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 2 APPLICANTS**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizens to the Historic District Commission, for the terms listed, below.

Bernard P. Sampson	77 Powderhorn Pond	Incumbent Registered Voter	Term exp. 6/30/2017
Michael Tubin	4 Freedom Street	Incumbent Resident of District	Term Exp. 6/30/2017



**NATURAL RESOURCES/COASTAL BEACHES: 4 SEATS, 1 APPLICANT**

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizen to the Natural Resources & Coastal Beaches Committee, for the term listed, below.

Casey Pickett                      27 Burgess Road                      New Applicant                      Term exp. 6/30/2017  
Morton Park Resident

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizen to the Open Space Committee, for the term listed, below.

Dorie Stolley                      66 Morgan Road                      New Applicant                      Term exp. 6/30/2017

**REVENUE IDEA TASK FORCE: 5 SEATS AVAILABLE, 3 APPLICANTS**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted unanimously (3-0-0) to appoint the following citizens to the Revenue Idea Task Force, for the terms listed, below.

Karen Buechs                      146 Bartlett Road                      Incumbent                      Term exp. 6/30/2015  
Committee of Precinct Chairs

Anita J. Hadley                      235 Carver Road, #9                      Incumbent                      Term exp. 6/30/2015

Everett Malaguti III                      6 South Cherry St.                      Incumbent                      Term exp. 6/30/2015

**PUBLIC HEARING: ANNUAL WINE & MALT PACKAGE LICENSE**

CUMBERLAND FARMS OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC. D/B/A CUMBERLAND FARMS #2296  
150-152 SAMOSET STREET

*[Note: Selectman Mahoney arrived at this point during the meeting and joined the Board at 8:08 p.m.]*

Chairman Tavares opened a public hearing to consider the application for a new Annual Wine & Malt Package Store License from Cumberland Farms of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Cumberland Farms #2296, 150-152 Samoset Street, Jo A. Severson as Manager. Prior to commencing the hearing, Chairman Tavares 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.

Attorney William Manganello spoke to the Board on behalf of Cumberland Farms of

Massachusetts, Incorporated. Once known as a bread-and-milk type of neighborhood convenience store, Attorney Manganello explained, Cumberland Farms has evolved into a multi-service roadside convenience store, where motorists can now purchase gasoline, prepared foods, and, in some locations, beer and wine. In response to demand from customers, he indicated, Cumberland Farms has transformed its Samoset Street location to one of the chain's newly-modernized stores.

Attorney Manganello reported that, as part of the recent renovation of the Samoset Street location, Cumberland Farms seeks to add the sale of beer and wine to the various products available at the store. With its application, he stated, the company plans to reserve a 6-foot shelf area for wine, three cooler areas for beer, and a walk-in storage unit. Customers will be required to walk to the rear area of the store to seek out the beer and wine, Attorney Manganello explained, while the typical dairy, bread, and convenience items will remain at the front of the store.

Selectman Page asked Attorney Manganello to describe the way by which Cumberland Farms polled its customers, to determine the demand for beer and wine at the Samoset Street location. The Store Manager for the Samoset Street location addressed the Board, noting that the feedback collected from customers was anecdotal in nature—i.e. there was no technical poll or survey taken. Cumberland Farms, the Store Manager indicated, is looking to incorporate beer and wine sales into its larger, modernized locations—such as the Samoset Street store—that are better illuminated and more inviting.

In response to an additional question from Selectman Page, the Store Manager for the Samoset Street location indicated that the other Cumberland Farms locations with licenses to sell beer and wine are in Bridgewater, Rehoboth, Plainville, and Ipswich.

Seeing no further questions from the Board, Chairman Tavares opened the hearing to public comment.

Dennis MacNicholas of Plaza Liquors, whose store is located within 1,000 feet of the Cumberland Farms location, stated his belief that there is no public demand for beer and wine sales in the Samoset Street area. Mr. MacNicholas noted the concentration of other package stores in the downtown area and asked whether the Town has considered reserving licenses for prospective businesses that will serve the southern area of town. He also inquired whether the Town of Plymouth has reached its allotted number of licenses given by the state, based on its population.

Ms. Arrighi indicated that the Town is allotted twelve (12) Wine & Malt Package Store Licenses, based on population. To date, she noted, only three (3) Wine & Malt Package Store Licenses have been issued, leaving nine (9) licenses remaining.

Everett Malaguti III inquired if Cumberland Farms has any plans to expand its sales area, or whether it has plans to seek an All Alcohol Package Store Liquor License, in the future. Mr. Malaguti expressed his belief that Plymouth's package store market is already saturated in the downtown and northern areas of town, noting his observation that, if there

truly was a demand from citizens for more package store establishments, the Board of Selectmen would receive such feedback, directly.

Attorney Manganello stated that Cumberland Farms has no current plans to expand the proposed display/sales area in the Samoset Street location, as beer and wine are not mainstay items at the store from which the chain derives most of its profits. The products, he said, will be offered more as a convenience item for customers; it is not intended that the store be a destination for beer and wine sales, and the sale of alcoholic beverages is not part of the Cumberland Farms brand.

Steve Lydon, Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 12, stated that he does not see the need for another package store in the downtown area. The Cumberland Farms location on Samoset Street, he explained, is 1,000 feet away from an existing package store that has a dedicated traffic light on a four-lane stretch of road—which, in his opinion, is a much more accessible location for customers than the Cumberland Farms location.

Attorney Manganello reiterated his assertion that the beer and wine sales proposed for the Samoset Street Cumberland Farms location will be for the convenience of those already travelling to the store for gas and convenience products.

Seeing no further public comment, Chairman Tavares closed the hearing and awaited a motion of the Board.

Selectman Mahoney made a motion to grant a new Annual Wine & Malt Package Store License to Cumberland Farms of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Cumberland Farms #2296, 150-152 Samoset Street. Vice Chairman Provenzano seconded the motion. Following some brief comments from Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted 3-1-0 in favor of the motion to grant a new Annual Wine & Malt Package Store License to Cumberland Farms of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Cumberland Farms #2296, 150-152 Samoset Street. Selectman Page cast the opposing vote.

## **DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 2015 COUNTY BUDGET**

Chairman Tavares advised the Board and the public that the Plymouth County Advisory Board (“PCAB”) is scheduled to vote on the Fiscal Year 2015 County Budget during its meeting of June 19, 2014. As such, he said, the Board should discuss the direction with which it wishes to provide him for the vote during the PCAB meeting.

Chairman Tavares noted that Linda Benezra of the Finance & Advisory Committee has followed the County’s budget for some time. He invited her to provide the Board with some of her observations about the FY2015 County Budget.

Ms. Benezra explained that, as part of her service with the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters, she has monitored the County’s annual budgets for a number of years. The County’s FY2015 Budget—which was just presented on Thursday, June 5, 2014—is

particularly troublesome, relative to previous budgets, she said. Ms. Benezra provided the Board with information she had gathered, and she outlined a number of questions and observations relative to the County's budget. Ultimately, she explained, there appear to be more questions than answers about the budget that has been presented for the PCAB's approval on June 19, 2014.

Selectman Tavares noted that he, too, did not have enough information about the FY2015 County Budget to feel comfortable voting in favor of it at the forthcoming PCAB meeting. He asked the Town Manager to have the Town's Finance Director conduct a cursory review of the budget and offer her assessment. In addition, Chairman Tavares noted that he would like to invite the County Commissioners to appear at the June 17, 2014 meeting to answer questions regarding the budget.

Seeing no objections, Chairman Tavares advised staff to invite the members of the County Commissioners (and/or their staff representatives) to attend the Selectmen's meeting of June 17, 2014.

### **CONSIDERATION OF LATE APPLICATION FOR SIMES FOUNDATION**

Chairman Tavares noted that James Hoagland submitted a letter of interest to serve as the Town's representative on the board of directors for the Simes House Foundation. Mr. Hoagland's letter was submitted after the posted deadline, he explained, but there was one other applicant who submitted his letter prior to the deadline. Chairman Tavares asked the Board to decide whether it would accept the letter and consider Mr. Hoagland as an applicant for the position.

Selectman Page made a motion to allow Mr. Hoagland's letter for consideration as a candidate for the position on the Simes House Foundation's board of directors. Vice Chairman Provenzano seconded the motion.

Selectman Mahoney noted that the Board allowed a late application in a similar circumstance, some years ago.

At the close of discussion, the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of Selectman Page's motion to allow the late application. Chairman Tavares noted that interviews with the two candidates would be scheduled for the Board's meeting of June 17, 2014.

### **COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

**Revenue Idea Task Force** – Selectman Page noted that he attended his first meeting with the Revenue Idea Task Force on June 9, 2014. The committee, he said, has compiled a great deal of information and is working on a number of ideas which he believes will be good for the Town.

**Roads Advisory Committee** – Vice Chairman Provenzano reported that he and Selectman Page attended the recent meeting of the Roads Advisory Committee. Currently, he explained, the committee is focusing on determining the funding needed to make repairs to private/unaccepted ways, but some of the roads in question need an amount of work that would utilize the full \$500,000 set aside by Town Meeting for such repairs. Vice Chairman Provenzano indicated that, at some point, the Roads Advisory Committee will likely come forth to speak with the Board of Selectmen to discuss strategy as to how to address private/unaccepted ways that may be financially or legally unfeasible to repair. In addition, Vice Chairman Provenzano reminded residents that snow plow requests for the forthcoming winter season must be submitted to the Roads Advisory Committee for review prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>).

**Distinguished Visitors Committee** – Vice Chairman Provenzano informed the Board that he was recently elected to serve as the chairman of the Distinguished Visitors Committee. The committee, he said, is currently preparing for an official visit from Shichigahama, Japan. In addition, he noted, the Town has received communication from a group of citizens hailing from Cento, Italy, who have determined that a number of Plymouth residents have ancestral roots in their community. Vice Chairman Provenzano indicated that the group from Cento, Italy plans to visit Plymouth in July.

**Plymouth Long Beach Homeowners Association** – Selectman Mahoney advised the Board that he and Selectman Muratore are scheduled to meet with the Plymouth Long Beach Homeowners' Association in the near future. He assured the Board that they would return with a report from the meeting.

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

There were no items raised for discussion under Old Business / Letters / New Business.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted at 8:52 p.m. to adjourn the open session portion of the meeting and enter executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as an open meeting on this matter may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Mahoney – yes, Provenzano – yes, Page – yes, and Tavares – yes.

Chairman Tavares 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 June 10, 2014 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.*