

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 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.
 Mathew J. Muratore
 Sean P. Page

 Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
 Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

Prior to commencing the evening's agenda, Chairman Tavares held a moment of silence in honor and memory of Bruce Cashman, former Town Meeting Representative, and Jane Russell, Plymouth schoolteacher, two citizens who were very involved in the Town and the community.

Chairman Tavares then invited David Buckman to make an announcement regarding a donation of artwork to the Town.

David Buckman, owner of Golden Gull Studios in Plymouth, informed the Board that Jerry Whitaker, husband of the late artist Kathryn Whitaker, would like to donate two of Ms. Whitaker's original paintings to the Town of Plymouth. It was the wish of Ms. Whitaker, Mr. Buckman explained, to bequeath the original paintings of two of her most popular works, *America's Hometown – Plymouth, Massachusetts* and *Town Wharf – Plymouth Harbor*, for display in the future Town Hall (planned at the 1820 Courthouse site). Mr. Buckman noted that the paintings shall be donated with the stipulation that the Town must cover the expense of having the paintings re-stretched and re-framed.

Chairman Tavares stated that it would be an honor for the Board to accept the late Kathryn Whitaker's original artwork. The Town is receiving offers of donated artwork and artifacts for display at the new Town Hall, he said, and those who have made such donations should be assured that the items will be displayed and secured, properly. Chairman Tavares indicated that the Board would send a letter of sincere thanks to Mr. Whitaker for the generous and thoughtful donation.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to accept, with much gratitude, the donation of two original paintings created by the late artist Kathryn Whitaker, for display at the new Town Hall facility, as offered to the Town by Jerry Whitaker. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Fall Town Cleanup – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi noted that the Network of Open Space Friends' next community-wide litter clean-up will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Those wishing to volunteer for the cleanup, she said, may contact Patrick Farah in the Town's Office of Planning & Development.

Veterans Day Parade – Ms. Arrighi reminded the Board and the public that the 2014 Veterans Day Parade will step off from Hedge Road in North Plymouth at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. In the event that the weather is inclement, she said, ceremonies will be held in the Blue Room at Memorial Hall at 10:30 a.m.

2014 Fall Town Meeting – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that staff has begun the process of implementing the actions taken by the 2014 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Arrighi discussed the work that staff has undertaken on a number of the key items that were approved, while the Town awaits formal certification of the votes from the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

Weekend Commuter Rail Service – Ms. Arrighi reported that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") will restore weekend service on the Plymouth/Kingston Commuter Rail line, starting December 27, 2014.

Donation of Plants for Rain Garden at Town Hall – Ms. Arrighi publicly thanked Walter Morrison III, owner of Morrison's Home & Garden, for his offer to donate a number of species-appropriate plants for the rain garden planters at Town Hall. Mr. Morrison, she said, provides the decorative plantings and flower baskets at Town Hall and throughout the downtown area, each year.

Reopening of Shellfish Beds – Ms. Arrighi was pleased to announce that the Town has received permission to reopen the shellfish beds in Plymouth Harbor. After decades of being closed, she said, it is great news for Plymouth that the beds will reopen on Wednesday, October 28, 2014.

LICENSES

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, 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 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Erik Christensen / Loretta LaRoche Productions** (50 Court Street) requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a networking event to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on October 29, 2014 at Studio G, 50 Shops at 5 Way. Liquor liability insurance will be in place before the license is released.

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Page, 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.

- ❖ **Bill Fuller / The Bartending Service of New England** (13 West End Avenue, Middleboro) requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a boxing event to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on October 30, 2014 at Memorial Hall. Liquor liability insurance will be in place before the license is released.

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE

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

- ❖ **Olly deMacedo / America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration** (10 Cordage Park Circle) requested a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for a VIP Reception to be held from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on November 21, 2014 at Memorial Hall. Liquor liability insurance will be in place before the license is released.

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License to the following applicant, for the event detailed, below. Voted 4-0-1, approved. Vice Chairman Provenzano abstained from the vote.

- ❖ **Anthony Provenzano Jr. / Rotary Club of Plymouth Sunrise** (1 Village Green North) requested a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for a Team Trivia Night event to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on November 8, 2014 at Memorial Hall. Liquor liability insurance will be in place before the license is released.

CLASS I AUTO DEALER (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a Class I Auto Dealer License to the following applicant. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Best Automotive, Inc.**, 264 Cherry Street, Scott Evan Shulman, President

Issuance of this license is subject to approval from the Building Department

CHANGE OF HOURS (PACKAGE STORE)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board acknowledged the receipt of notices from the following holders of a Package Store License. Pursuant to new state regulations related to the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays, these establishments have requested a change in opening hours on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

- ❖ **Richard's Wine and Spirits Inc.** (14 N Park Avenue)
- ❖ **Syeda H Chawdhury D/B/A Tedeschi's Food Shop #329** (15 Main Street Ext.)

* Effective October 23, 2014, off-premises retail alcoholic beverage licensees will be permitted to sell alcoholic beverages beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Under the law, these licensees are entitled as a matter of right to open at 10:00 a.m. and, as such, these licensees do not need the approval of the Local Licensing Authorities, but establishments must notify the Local Licensing Authorities about the change of hours.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 Selectmen's meeting. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Memorandum of Agreement for Plymouth Transportation Center – On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board (a) approved and executed a *Memorandum of Agreement* between the Town, the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation, and the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority, pertaining to the Plymouth Transportation & Visitors Services Center Design; and (b) authorized the Town Manager to approve the final details of "Exhibit A" within the agreement. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Donation to Manomet Youth Center – On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board accepted, with gratitude, a donation of \$500.00 from the Plymouth Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. for the Manomet Youth Center. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

License Agreement with Plymouth Lobsterman's Association – On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board approved and executed a *License Agreement* with the Plymouth Lobsterman's Association for the use of Town-owned property on Town Wharf. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Constable Re-Appointment – On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board re-appointed Paul T. Curtis of 125 Sandwich Street as Constable for the Town of Plymouth, for a term effective November 9, 2014 through November 8, 2017. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Employment Contract with Town Manager – On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Muratore, the Board approved and executed a five-year contract with Town Manager Melissa Arrighi, to be effective from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2020, subject to final review by Town Counsel.

Chairman Tavares highlighted the key provisions of a new employment contract with Town Manager Melissa Arrighi, noting that the new contract represents a five-year agreement. With the exception of Selectman Page—who informed the public that he could not participate in the negotiation of the Town Manager’s contract, due to his status as a Town employee—each member of the Board took the opportunity to offer his observations on the provisions of the contract and the reasons why a five-year agreement with Ms. Arrighi was viewed as the most beneficial option for the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

UNITED WAY OF GREATER PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Dennis Carman, president and chief executive officer for United Way of Greater Plymouth County (“UWGPC”), thanked the Town of Plymouth for hosting the organization’s annual campaign kickoff / volunteer event on September 12, 2014. Mr. Carman talked about the event, at which over 150 volunteers performed improvement projects for the Town and for Plimoth Plantation. The weather was perfect for the event, he said, and the volunteers were very excited to be in Plymouth.

Mr. Carman talked about the work that UWGPC does to raise funds for the non-profit, community service programs in Plymouth County (and beyond). UWGPC, he explained, is operated locally and individually, and, thus, it is not reliant on a larger, United Way parent organization. More than just a fundraising machine, Mr. Carman said, UWGPC seeks to be a resource for its local communities by assisting with the establishment and operation of the 2-1-1 community information directory service, serving as a volunteer network, and providing health discount cards that help with prescriptions costs for low-income citizens.

At the close of his presentation, Mr. Carman thanked the Selectmen for their devotion of service to citizens of Plymouth. Chairman Tavares returned the thanks, praising Mr. Carman and UWGPC for the difference that the organization makes in the community.

STUDENT PRESENTATION ON “ONE WORLD, ONE LIGHT” PROJECT

Carly Bishop, a student in the Marketing Program at Plymouth South High School, provided a presentation on the “One World, One Light” project that she has organized to

benefit the Children’s Bereavement Program of Cranberry Hospice. The “One World, One Light” event, she said, will take place from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on November 21, 2014 at the Plimoth Grist Mill.

Ms. Bishop explained that she and her fellow marketing students will sell luminary bags that will be placed along the pathways following Town Brook on the evening of November 21st. The proceeds from the sale of the luminary bags, she indicated, will be donated to Cranberry Hospice. Ms. Bishop spoke of the way by which the PSHS Marketing Team will promote the event, and she thanked the community sponsors—Lucioso’s Pub, Setting the Space, Plimoth Grist Mill—who have helped the team get the event off the ground.

Ms. Bishop closed her presentation with the Edith Wharton quote, “There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

Chairman Tavares thanked Ms. Bishop and the students of PSHS for producing the “One World, One Light” event for the benefit of their community.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS – CONTESTED SEATS

Chairman Tavares indicated that the Board would consider the appointment of one (1) citizen to the Nuclear Matters Committee, for a term effective October 29, 2014 through June 30, 2015. There were two (2) applicants for the position:

- Heather Lightner 54 Settlers Road New Applicant
- Jacob Scheffer 77 Shallow Pond Lane New Applicant

Chairman Tavares invited each of the candidates to interview before the Board, during which time Ms. Lightner and Mr. Scheffer were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to answer questions. Following the conclusion of the interview process, Chairman Tavares read the names of the applicants and asked the members of the Board to cast votes for the candidates they wished to appoint.

By majority vote (5-0-0), the Board appointed Heather Lightner to the Nuclear Matters Committee, for a term effective October 29, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Chairman Tavares thanked Mr. Scheffer for his willingness to serve, and he encouraged him to remain involved, in the event there are future openings on the Nuclear Matters Committee.

UPDATE ON 1820 COURTHOUSE / TOWN HALL PROJECT

William Keohan, chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, provided the Board with an update in the 1820 Courthouse / Town Hall Project. The Town Manager, he said, has put together a multi-disciplinary team of Town officials and local professionals who have begun the work of identifying the historic features of the 1820

Courthouse and Commissioners' Building that can be preserved. Mr. Keohan displayed photos of the 1820 Courthouse and Commissioners' Building to illustrate some of the features—such as copper fittings, granite finials, marble flooring, wooden doors, and cast-iron fencing—that the team has identified for preservation and/or re-use in the new and restored segments of the 1820 Courthouse / Town Hall project. The team is conducting a paint analysis in the 1820 Courthouse and cataloguing all of the furniture in the Daniel Webster Courtroom, for proper storage during construction/renovation. Mr. Keohan reported that he is working with John Buckley, Plymouth County Register of Deeds, to devise a plan for the storage and digitizing of important records pertaining to the Courthouse, County Jail, and Registry.

Mr. Keohan responded to some brief comments and questions from the Board regarding his update on the 1820 Courthouse / Town Hall project. Chairman Tavares thanked Mr. Keohan, the Community Preservation Committee, and the Town Manager's multi-disciplinary "preservation team" for their efforts to ensure that the project is off to a successful start.

COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Plymouth Education Foundation – Vice Chairman Provenzano noted that he attended a recent reception that was held to raise funds for the Plymouth Education Foundation. The PEF, he said, has established an active alumni association and is successfully raising funds for the Plymouth Public School System.

Nuclear Matters Committee – Selectman Mahoney reminded the Board that the Nuclear Matters Committee ("NMC") has drafted an updated mission statement, to better reflect the duties of the committee. As the committee's establishing authority, he said, it is the prerogative of the Selectmen to approve (or disapprove) the new mission statement. Selectman Mahoney asked that the Board schedule the consideration of the NMC's draft mission statement for an upcoming meeting.

Natural Resources & Coastal Beaches Committee – Selectman Mahoney reported that the Natural Resources & Coastal Beaches Committee ("NRCBC") discussed a request from homeowners on Plymouth Long Beach to consider the provision of free lot parking for their guests who do not own four-wheel drive vehicles. The committee, he said, will look into this request and offer a recommendation.

Manomet Youth Center Fundraiser – Selectman Muratore was pleased to inform the Board and the public that the Manomet Youth Center Working Group's recent Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser was a huge success. The event, which was held at the John Alden Club on October 23, 2014, raised over \$3,500 for the programs at the Manomet Youth Center. Selectman Muratore noted that the MYC Working Group has found an attorney and Certified Public Accountant to assist them with the attainment of non-profit status.

Cultural District Designation – Selectman Muratore indicated that he attended a recent presentation on local efforts to obtain Cultural District designation for Plymouth from the Commonwealth. A representative of the Massachusetts Cultural Commission attended the presentation, he said, to provide information on the requirements and resulting benefits of Cultural District status. Selectman Muratore offered his estimation that Plymouth’s prospects of becoming the next Cultural District in Massachusetts look very good.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen’s Upcoming Meeting Schedule – Chairman Tavares informed the public that the Board would not hold its usual Tuesday evening meeting on November 4, 2014, as the Mayflower Room will be occupied with voting booths for Election Day. The Board will instead consider holding a short meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014, he said, if there is a need to accommodate any time-sensitive business. Chairman Tavares also reminded the public that the Board will not meet on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, because Town Hall will be closed in recognition of Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the October 28, 2014 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s Office.