

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

February 3, 2004

The Selectmen held their weekly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 11 Lincoln Street.

Present: Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman
 David F. Malaguti, Vice Chairman
 Christopher R. Lombard
 David J. Rushforth, M.D.
 Richard J. Quintal, Jr.

 Pamela T. Nolan, Town Manager
 Mark D. Sylvia, Assistant Town Manager

LICENSES

Selectman Malaguti moved to approve the following New Vehicle for Hire Operators License and License renewals. Selectman Rushforth seconded the motion. Voted 5-0.

London Taxi and Classic Limo
521 Long Pond Road
Leslie Faulkner

Applying for two Vehicle for Hire Permits (Livery)

Applying for one Vehicle for Hire Operator Licenses:

Leslie Faulkner
521 Long Pond Road

Background check and Driving Record show no basis for denial.

AM PM Limousine
310 Long Pond Road
David Murphy

Applying for one Vehicle for Hire Permit (Livery)

LICENSES (continued)

Applying for two Vehicle for Hire Operator Licenses:

David Murphy
310 Long Pond Road

Debra Lungelow
P.O. Box 6532

Background checks and driving records show no basis for denial.

Manomet Transportation
15 Bay Terrace
Barbara Milmore

Applying for one Vehicle for Hire Permit (Livery)

Applying for one Vehicle for Hire Operator License:

Barbara Milmore
15 Bay Terrace

Background check and driving record show no basis for denial.

Bettyanne's Tours
25 Presidents Lane
Elizabeth A. Archambault

Applying for one Vehicle for Hire Business Permit (Livery)

Applying for one Vehicle for Hire Operator License:

Elizabeth Archambault
25 Presidents Lane

Background check and driving record show no basis for denial.

The Selectmen also recognized that the ABCC is requesting a Form 43 on every package store that has a permit for Sunday Openings.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Gifts - The Selectmen accepted three checks totaling \$1170.00 from Mark Investments, Inc. as a gift. The money will be used to cover legal expenses rendered by Kopelman & Paige in reference to the Walgreen's Site 101.

Vehicle for Hire Amendments - The Selectmen will accept the Amendments to the Vehicle for Hire Regulations as proposed by Staff. These amendments clarify vehicle-marking requirements for taxis and liveries.

Minutes - Vice Chairman Malaguti moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2004. Selectman Rushforth seconded. Voted 5-0 approved.

GIFT FROM SHICHIGAHAMA

Ms. Nancy Chadwick, Chairman of the Plymouth Sister City Committee, presented the Board with a gift from Mayor Watanabe of Plymouth's Sister City, Shichigahama. Ms. Chadwick explained that last year she led a delegation of students and adults to our sister city and upon their departure they were presented with a gift to Plymouth.

Chairman Tavares and Selectman Lombard opened the package to find a beautiful hand painted scroll adorned with Mt. Fuji and several cranes representing good fortune and friendship. Ms. Chadwick mentioned that the Mayor would be coming next summer to Plymouth. Mr. Tavares thanked Ms. Chadwick and informed all that the gift would be hung up in the Mayflower Room.

FY05 OPERATING BUDGET

Last week the Board met to discuss the FY05 Operating Budget. Department Heads were asked to cut their budgets by an additional 5.75% to accommodate for a possible decrease in State Aid. The cuts were devastating to many departments but especially to Public Safety where several police officers, firemen, and crossing guards were going to lose their jobs. The discussion was to be brought back the following week for alternative solutions to this issue.

This week, Chairman Tavares explained that he requested senior staff to meet prior to this Board meeting to expound upon possible alternatives to this issue. After these meetings, Chairman Tavares explained that instead of utilizing free cash, stabilization funds or Burke's Law, which to most would be the easy solution, staff came up with another alternative. This solution would allow us to restore some monies to 5 departments of special concern to the Town.

FY05 OPERATING BUDGET (continued)

The listing below represents the amount of financial restoration and the Departments involved:

1.	Building Department	\$ 25,000
2.	Fire Department	\$400,000
3.	Police Department	\$236,050
4.	Public Works	\$ 38,950
5.	Schools	\$700,000

Chairman Tavares deferred to Patrick Dello Russo, Director of Finance, for the explanation of the source of this solution.

Mr. Dello Russo explained that typically the town budgets for 75% of the local receipts from the upcoming year to be used in the current budget. However, instead of budgeting the 75% of local receipts from FY06, the Town will adjust the percentage to 87% in order to increase the budget for FY05. Mr. Dello Russo explained that this solution would allow the Town to increase the budget without using a one-time revenue source or increasing taxes.

Mr. Mark Sylvia, Assistant Town Manager, explained that in order to find this solution, they had to take apart the revenue side of the budgets and put it back together. Mr. Sylvia said that in the final analysis, it was the only solution.

Ms. Pam Nolan, Town Manager, explained that we had to come up with a better solution than cutting 10 police officers, 9 firemen, 2 fire stations etc. Ms. Nolan was very pleased that we didn't have to raise taxes or take from the stabilization funds. Ms. Nolan felt that this was more prudent than to compromise public safety and sacrifice Plymouth's quality of life.

Chairman Tavares explained that this requires a policy change for FY05 only. After this year it would revert to the old. Mr. Tavares felt it was unfortunate that we have to look for local cuts when the federal and/or state cuts could be made in NASA or foreign aid for example.

Vice Chairman Malaguti asked Mr. Dello Russo what was going to happen after FY06. Mr. Dello Russo explained that this was only impacting a one time capital project and will not impact technology or schools. Selectman Rushforth's feelings mirrored those of Mr. Malaguti.

Selectman Quintal said that he was in full support because he feels as new growth increases, receipts will increase as well. Selectman Lombard was split in his feelings. Mr. Lombard was pleased because they found a solution, however

FY05 OPERATING BUDGET (continued)

he wished that this were presented earlier in order to avoid worry and grief. Mr. Lombard also asked that in the event that State Aid is not reduced, what would happen. Mr. Dello Russo explained that in that case taxes would be reduced for residents. Mr. Dello Russo explained that we have used local receipts to reduce the tax rate before.

Vice Chairman Malaguti moved to accept an 87% policy change for FY05 with the intention to return it to 75% when conditions allow. Selectman Rushforth seconded. Voted 5-0 approved.

TOWN MEETING - APRIL 3, 2004 - ARTICLE REVIEW

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to amend its comprehensive plan entitled "Refined Village Center Plan," as adopted on May 27, 1980, as amended, by adding to that plan a document entitled "Plymouth Center Plan", dated January, 2004, or take any other action relative thereto.

Nick Filla, Bobbi Clark, Wendy Garpow and Barbara Mulvey Welsh, all members of the Plymouth Center Task Force, asked the Board to approve their Master Plan for the Downtown Village Center/Waterfront Area.

The Plan looked at 4 areas related to this area: Retail, Recreation, Residential and Environmental. Mr. Filla explained that this is a plan about how people use the downtown area. It was created for both residents and tourists.

Selectman Lombard asked why there was a picture of the plantation in their plan. Mr. Filla responded that their plan does include as far down as the Plantation. Mr. Malaguti responded that off street parking should be a very important aspect of this plan.

Selectman Rushforth conveyed thanks to the committee and their efforts over the last 2 years.

Vice Chairman Malaguti moved to support Article 38 and Selectman Rushforth seconded. Voted 5-0 approved.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to establish a standing committee for purposes including implementing the recommendations outlined in the Plymouth Center Plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN MEETING - APRIL 3, 2004 - ARTICLE REVIEW (continued)

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning and Development, explained that is article is for the creation of a Plymouth Center Steering Committee. Mr. Hartmann explained that this committee would act as advocates for the Plymouth Center Master Plan in conjunction with the Office of Planning and Development and the Planning Board.

Selectman Lombard asked if the Selectmen's appointment was an at large appointment. Mr. Hartmann responded that is was an at large appointment.

Vice Chairman Malaguti moved to support Article 38 and Selectman Rushforth seconded. Voted 5-0 approved.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw Section 207 (Section 205-11 of the reformatted Zoning Bylaw), as it relates to building permit limitations and the associated definitions, procedures, and schedules, or take any other action relative thereto.

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning and Development, explained that Article 31 would reduce the number of building permits issues for new dwelling units located within the RR, R-40, R-25, R-20SL, R-20MD and R-20MF Zoning Districts from 185 to 155. Mr. Hartmann mentioned that building permits for the following new dwelling units located within the foregoing districts shall not count toward the foregoing limitations: Elderly Housing, OSMUD, units on lots on a plan endorsed prior to April 6, 1999 by the Planning Board, Rural Density Developments and Village Open Space Development. Mr. Hartmann explained that this amendment seeks to direct growth to more positive and beneficial forms of development. Mr. Loring Tripp, Chairman of the Planning Board, also spoke with favor of the amendment.

Selectman Quintal asked how Mr. Manfredi, Director of Inspectional Services, felt about this change. Mr. Tripp responded that there has never been an issue thus far. Mr. Quintal asked the board if they could table the vote for now and bring it up next week. The Board agreed to bring back this article for next week.

OLD BUSINESS/LETTERS/NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Electric Distribution – Selectman Rushforth distributed paperwork regarding the potential creation of a municipal electric distribution facility but asked that the Board save its discussion until next week after they have had the opportunity to read it.

OLD BUSINESS/LETTERS/NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Emergency Preparedness Calendars – Selectman Lombard wanted to inquire if there were any emergency calendars located in the Town Hall. Mr. Lombard noticed that there were some in the Library but was unsure of the Town Hall. Mr. Lombard was unsure if Doug Hadfield had kept track of where he left of in his mailing.

Liaison to Insurance Advisory Committee – Selectman Quintal asked the Board if he could be designated the Board’s official liaison to the Insurance Advisory Committee. This Committee is open to the public. The Board agreed.

Not Running for Re-election – Selectman Rushforth explained that he has been asked recently if he would not run for re-election for Selectman. Unfortunately, Dr. Rushforth has decided not to run this year. Dr. Rushforth has thought about it very seriously and feels it would be appropriate to bring new ideas to the Board by allowing someone else to run. Dr. Rushforth thanked everyone for this opportunity. All the members of the Board expressed their thanks except for Selectman Lombard who wanted to wait until Dr. Rushforth’s last meeting.

Vice Chairman Malaguti moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Rushforth seconded. Voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Lisa Conroy, Clerk