

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Mathew J. Muratore
John T. Mahoney, Jr., Vice Chairman
Sergio O. Harnais
Belinda A. Brewster
Kenneth A. Tavares

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Insurance Credit for Workers' Compensation and Property Casualty Costs – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi was pleased to indicate that the Town has received a credit of \$80,646 on its Workers' Compensation and Property Casualty Insurance costs. Committed to keeping the community safer and fiscally stronger, she said, the Town earned the credits through participation in loss prevention and risk management activities that are part of incentive programs offered by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (Plymouth's insurance provider).

Official Visit from Shichigahama Officials – Ms. Arrighi noted that she and the Selectmen spent a good portion of their time with the delegation from Shichigahama, Japan during the official visit that took place during the first week in August. The recent visit, she said, was the first time that she actively participated in welcoming an official delegation on behalf of the Town. Ms. Arrighi stated that she found the experience to be meaningful, noting that she more fully understands why Plymouth has retained this "sister city" relationship with Shichigahama for over twenty years.

MUNIS Software Training – Ms. Arrighi reported that the Town continues to expand the MUNIS accounting software system that was adopted a few years ago. The Finance Director, she said, recently held an informational training session with staff to illustrate a number of new features that will be adopted in the next few months, including enhanced controls for monitoring time off and the ability to produce reports related to benefits. Ms. Arrighi

explained that, for years, the Town has struggled to determine if employees are being treated equitably and to make sure that those processing payroll are interpreting the contracts consistently. The enhanced features, she said, will make a significant difference in auditing and finding any discrepancies in the application of benefits.

Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Ms. Arrighi informed the public that the Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant has closed. Over the next week, she indicated, staff will be assembling a draft warrant and scheduling article presentations before the Selectmen, Advisory & Finance Committee, and other involved Boards.

BOARD LIAISON / COMMITTEE UPDATES

Distinguished Visitors Committee – Selectman Harnais thanked a number of Town officials and Plymouth citizens who helped to welcome and host the official delegation from Shichigahama, Japan. The Distinguished Visitors Committee, he said, put together an impressive itinerary, and the Town’s various departments assisted with a number of aspects of the visit. Selectman Harnais thanked several local businesses who donated goods and services toward the hosting of the delegation, including the Hampton Inn, Plimoth Plantation, Pilgrim Hall, The Pinehills, Plymouth Harbor Cruises/Lobster Tales, Plymouth Rotary Club, Indian Pond Country Club, Alley Kat Lanes, the Plymouth Yacht Club, Plymouth Bay Catering, Kusmin Art Gallery, Captain John Boats, and the Boston Red Sox. The Distinguished Visitors Committee—Margie Burgess, Ann Berry (Pilgrim Hall), Mary Waltuch (School Committee), Ethan Kusmin (Town Meeting), and Paul Cripps (Destination Plymouth)—invested a good deal of time into properly welcoming the delegation, and, as such, should be commended for their efforts. Selectman Harnais was pleased to report that the representatives from Shichigahama enjoyed their visit and were extremely grateful for the Town’s hospitality.

400th Anniversary Committee / Plymouth 400, Inc. – Selectman Brewster provided the Board with an update on the activities of Plymouth 400, Inc. The State, she said, has released \$125,000 in funding to Plymouth 400, Inc, which brings the total amount of seed money for the 400th Anniversary Celebration to \$250,000. Selectman Brewster noted that the corporation continues to host fundraisers and apply for grants to support the planning of the celebration, e.g. the Bass & Blue Fishing Tournament, the upcoming themed cocktail reception aboard the HMS Bounty, and the 2020 Official License Plate initiative. She encouraged citizens to visit www.plymouthma400.org for more information on the activities related to the 400th Anniversary Celebration. The Town’s 400th Anniversary Committee, she added, is currently breaking into specialized subcommittees and making great progress.

Openings on Town Committees – Chairman Muratore listed the current openings on Town committees, noting that the Cable Advisory Committee, in particular, needs two new members. He encouraged those interested in serving on a Town committee to visit the “News & Events” section of the Town’s website, to view the list of openings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Buechs presented the Board with an official 400th Anniversary Celebration Flag. Ms. Buechs explained that she and her husband, Ken Buechs, wished to personally donate the flag to be displayed in Town Hall, so that townspeople will be reminded of the forthcoming celebration. Should citizens wish to purchase official 400th Anniversary products, she said, Pioppi's Package Store (Court Street) is distributing a number of quality items.

The Board thanked Ms. Buechs for the donation and discussed where the flag should be mounted in Town Hall. It was suggested that the flag be mounted on the opposite end of the Mayflower Room, or in an otherwise highly visible location.

Sam Bartlett spoke about a letter he recently sent to the Board in which he requested that the Town consider sponsoring an article for Town Meeting that would provide funding to the South Shore Women's Resource Center ("SSWRC"). Joined by Plymouth resident Charlie Maccaferri and SSWRC Director Kathy Spear, Mr. Bartlett explained that the SSWRC nearly closed its doors six years ago due to funding constraints, until the Southeast Regional Network absorbed the center as part of its various social work and substance abuse programs. Years ago, he said, Plymouth's Town Meeting approved annual allocations of \$10,000 to SSWRC, in support of the domestic violence counseling and advocacy services that the organization provides to Plymouth residents. Mr. Bartlett noted that, of the sixteen area towns that SSWRC serves, nine continue to provide funding, despite the fact that Plymouth—from which 20% of SSWRC's clients hail—discontinued its annual allocation. Mr. Bartlett, a member of the Southeast Regional Network's Board of Directors, urged the Board to consider funding the SSWRC, an organization that provides important services to Plymouth residents.

Gus Diodato of 29 Braley Lane issued a complaint about the Department of Public Works' sewer connection policy, whereby property owners are supposed to hire their own contractors to perform any necessary sewer tie-in work. Mr. Diodato questioned what would happen if he and/or his contractor were to damage Town equipment, and he questioned the logic of having various local contractors disrupt Town property and equipment in the course of conducting sewer tie-ins, digging trenches, and tarring/patching holes. If the DPW does not have enough manpower to do this work, itself, he said, the Town should consider funding new DPW positions, instead of purchasing high-powered, three-engine boats for the Fire Department.

LICENSES

COMPREHENSIVE ENTERTAINMENT (NEW)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to grant a Comprehensive Entertainment License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 3-1-1, approved, with an opposing vote from Selectman Brewster and an abstention from Selectman Tavares.

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- ❖ **Fig & Lux, LLC d/b/a Lux Hookah Lounge**, 18 Court Street, Maryanna Nagle, Mgr.
Applying for Group 3 – Dancing by Performers

CHANGE OF MANAGER (LIQUOR)

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

- ❖ **Red Robin International, Inc. d/b/a Red Robin America's Gourmet Burgers and Spirits** (269 Colony Place), requested a Change of Manager (Liquor License) from Benn Andrew to Joseph Egan.

Issuance of above license is subject to the CORI background check.

PLEDGE OF LICENSE FOR RECONSIDERATION (LIQUOR)

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to approve a Pledge of License for the following holder of an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Patsfan Inc d/b/a Main Street Sports**, (39-41 Main Street, Brian Vogel, Manager) resubmitted its request to the ABCC for reconsideration of a Pledge of License to Rockland Trust.

VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR LICENSE (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Harnais, the Board voted to grant a Vehicle for Hire Operator License to the following individual, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ For **Special Occasion Limousine, Inc.:**
 - Bradford Bunick (68 Corthell Avenue, Whitman)

Issuance of above licenses is subject to the CORI background check.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Constable Re-Appointment – The Board re-appointed Robert Tirrell of 12 Halloran's Way as Constable of Plymouth, for a three-year term effective August 23, 2012 through August 22, 2015.

Designee for Senate President on 400th Anniversary Committee – The Board authorized Monica Mullin, legislative aide to Senate President Therese Murray, to represent, and vote on

behalf of, the Senate President on matters relating to the Town's 400th Anniversary Committee. [Note: the Town Clerk has requested that the Board to clarify this designation by formal vote.]

Fee for Fire Lane Parking Violations – The Board approved a request from the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation / ParkPlymouth to change the penalty fee for Fire Lane Parking Violations from \$20 to \$5, to be consistent with M.G.L. Chapter 90 Section 20A½.

Appointment to Cultural Council – The Board appointed Mary Johannesen to the Plymouth Cultural Council, for a term effective August 15, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Ms. Johannesen was one of two applicants who applied for two open seats on the Council.

Appointment to Cultural Council – The Board appointed Slawomir Tomczak to the Plymouth Cultural Council, for a term effective August 15, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Mr. Tomczak was one of two applicants who applied for two open seats on the Council.

Appointment to Nuclear Matters Committee – The Board will appoint Robert Morgan to the Nuclear Matters Committee, for a term effective August 15, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Mr. Morgan was the lone applicant for the single open seat on the committee.

JOINT MEETING: PLYMOUTH TRANSPORTATION CENTER

PLANNING BOARD

Marc Garrett, Chairman
Timothy Grandy
Ken Buechs (Planning Alternate)

PLYMOUTH GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Leighton Price, Chairman
Christine Pratt, Treasurer
Alan Zanotti, Secretary
Richard J. Quintal, Jr.

Leighton Price called a meeting of the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation (“PGDC”) to order. Marc Garrett, chairman of the Planning Board, noted that he could not call a meeting of the Planning Board to order, as there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

Mr. Price introduced David Farmer of McMahon Transportation Engineers and Planners. Mr. Farmer provided a presentation on the collaborative work done by the Town, PGDC, and Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (“GATRA”) to plan for the construction of a parking facility and transportation center in Plymouth’s downtown / waterfront district.

Mr. Farmer indicated that the collaborative narrowed its search for an appropriate site for the facility to two locations: (1) the lot behind Memorial Hall and (2) the Courthouse Corridor. He displayed aerial maps of the two finalist sites and explained why the Memorial Hall lot was chosen as the most ideal location. Mr. Farmer then provided images outlining the conceptual layout of the facility, which would consist of three levels: 1st level – transit area

with 7 bus bays, parking, and visitors' center; 2nd and 3rd levels – parking only. An area at the front of the facility (Water Street side) would be left open for a landscaped plaza and future development. In total, Mr. Farmer said, the garage would provide 310 parking spaces – a net gain of 200 new spaces.

John Burke, former Director of Operations for the PGDC, discussed the targeted benefits of the parking/transportation facility:

- Improved conditions for growing GATRA bus ridership
- Additional parking to meet seasonal shortages
- Better connections between downtown and intercity rail/bus transit
- Increased year round viability for Memorial Hall (allows for bigger shows)
- Potential physical connection to Memorial Hall
- Support special events and 400th Anniversary
- Support development/redevelopment of downtown/waterfront district
- Support Water Street streetscape and corridor enhancements
- Enhanced visitors' center facilities

Mr. Burke identified the following funding sources to meet the estimated \$10.3 million cost of designing and constructing the facility:

- \$4.0 million projected from Federal funds
- \$2.0 million Earmark in State Bond Bill
- \$150,000 parking fund
- \$4.15 million to be financed by PGDC

Mr. Burke then issued the following projections for annual revenue, expenses, debt service, and net income from the parking/transportation facility:

- \$525,000 Projected Annual Revenue
- \$204,600 Projected Annual Expenses (310 spaces @ \$55/space/month)
- \$320,400 Net Operating Income
- \$306,196 Annual Debt Service on \$4.15M 100% financed 25-yr tax exempt bond @ 5.5%
- \$14,204 Net Annual Income Available

Mr. Farmer resumed the presentation with a timeline of the project and a list of the various phases/tasks needed to complete the facility:

- Secure FTA approval and funding to enter into design
- Funding for Preliminary Design - \$360,000 FTA projected to pay 80% (\$300K +/-)
- PGDC to contribute 10% (\$30K +/-)
- Town Parking Fund to contribute 10% (\$30K +/-)
- Preliminary design ready for Spring Town Meeting
- Secure funding agreements for final design and construction
- Proceed with final design

Mr. Price explained that, in order to move forth with the project, the Selectmen need to formally state their agreement that GATRA and PGDC should move ahead with the design phase for the transportation facility. In addition, he said, the Selectmen are being asked to utilize \$30,000 from the Town's Parking Fund towards the \$360,000 expense for the preliminary design phase.

Mr. Farmer, Mr. Price, and Mr. Burke responded to questions from the Selectmen and Planning Board with regard to the proposed facility. The Board discussed the feasibility and benefit of adding a fourth level to the transportation center. Mr. Burke noted that an fourth level, estimated to cost another \$2.25 million, would produce 100 additional parking spaces.

Vice Chairman Mahoney expressed concerns about the aesthetic appearance of the facility. Mr. Farmer explained that all projects that fall within the Town's historic district must go through the Historic District Commission review process. Selectman Tavares questioned how much control the Town would have over the project if GATRA is funding the bulk of the design phase. Frank Gay, Executive Director of GATRA, noted that the Town will always have a significant level of control over projects that take place on Town-owned property.

Selectman Brewster asked for an explanation of the reasons why the Town should finance the project, as opposed to the PGDC. Mr. Price stated that the Town can finance projects at a much lower interest rate than a corporation like the PGDC. Ms. Arrighi cautioned the Board against bonding a quasi-governmental and recommended against the Town taking direct responsibility for the financing of the project.

Mr. Garrett acknowledged the need for more parking in the downtown/waterfront district, but he expressed concern that the transportation center will concentrate additional traffic in an area that already faces a great deal of congestion. From a planning perspective, he said, it is the Courthouse Corridor that needs the infrastructural investment and more traffic. In order to retain its quaint character as a colonial town, Mr. Garrett explained, Plymouth will need to consider remote parking for large events, much like Jamestown, Virginia did for its 400th Anniversary Celebration.

Mr. Price agreed that the Courthouse Corridor would be an ideal location for more parking and traffic, but, in order to get more funding from the Federal government, the transportation facility must be included in the project, and the corridor cannot accommodate this aspect.

Vice Chairman Mahoney made a motion that the Board approve going forth with the \$360,000 design phase for the transportation center. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion.

Chairman Muratore allowed public comment prior to the Board's vote on the motion.

Keven Joyce expressed support for the parking / transportation facility and offered a number of suggestions that could enhance revenue from the facility, such as advertising and the use of a covered rooftop for a solar array. Mr. Joyce cautioned the Board against using taxpayer dollars towards the cost of the project.

Richard Quintal, Jr. of the PGDC touted the benefits of locating the facility behind Memorial Hall, because it will enhance the Town's ability to accommodate large-scale shows at the venue. The PGDC, he explained, has put a great deal of time, effort, and research into this project for the sole benefit of the community, and, as such, the Board should consider giving its support to the endeavor.

Everett Malaguti III echoed the concerns issued by Mr. Garrett that the Town is not considering the need to alleviate traffic in the downtown /waterfront district through the use of remote parking. If the Town wishes to build a healthier community, he said, the construction of a parking facility does not encourage pedestrian traffic.

Kevin Doyle offered support for the parking / transportation facility but noted his belief that a four-story parking garage will severely spoil the aesthetic character of the waterfront. The net gain of only 200 parking spaces does not appear to be worth the significant expense, Mr. Doyle added.

Alan Zanotti of the PGDC stated that there is a clear need for the construction of a parking / transportation facility in the Memorial Hall lot. The Town's parking shortage, he said, does not exist only on the waterfront, and, therefore, the Town may need to consider the future addition of more parking at a downtown location. With regard to funding the construction of the facility, he said, the difference between the Town financing the project and the PGDC financing the project could be a savings of almost \$1 million in interest.

Seeing no further comment from the public, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve going forth with the \$360,000 design phase for the transportation center. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

PARKING FUND FEE

Chairman Muratore re-introduced a discussion (tabled from the Board's meeting of June 26, 2012) on the proposal to temporarily modify the Town's Parking Fund Fee. Staff, he explained, drafted an interim Parking Fund Fee Policy in response to the Board's request that Plymouth become more business-friendly.

Pointing to the use of \$30,000 from the Parking Fund towards the design phase for the parking/transportation facility, Vice Chairman Mahoney expressed his support for leaving the Parking Fund Fee Policy as-is. Selectman Brewster and Selectman Harnais offered their belief that Plymouth needs to be more business-friendly, and they stated support for some waiver of the fee, even if only temporary. Selectman Brewster questioned whether property and business owners are asked to pay into the fund each time a property exchanges hands.

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning & Development, reminded the Board that it is only when a downtown property owner converts his/her existing space/structure to a more intensive use (e.g. from office space to restaurant use) that the Parking Fund Fee is triggered. Properties are otherwise grandfathered-in, he said.

Christine Pratt of the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation (“PGDC”) noted that the Board reduced the Parking Fund fee schedule, some years ago, to a much more equitable and reasonable rate. As Mr. Hartmann indicated, she said, property/business owners do not need to pay into the Parking Fund if they maintain the same use for their property. Ms. Pratt expressed concern that, if the Board is to waive the requirement to pay into the fund for converting retail or office space to bar/restaurant use, such hi-traffic establishments will proliferate in the downtown and place significant demand on parking.

Selectman Tavares made a motion to retain the Parking Fund Fee Policy as it exists. Vice Chairman Mahoney seconded the motion.

Chairman Muratore and Selectman Brewster expressed support for enacting a temporary waiver, as proposed by staff. Selectman Tavares questioned whether the Town would simply be taking on the responsibility for the demand that restaurant/bar establishments will place on parking in the downtown, if it approves such a waiver.

Seeing no further discussion, the Board voted 2-3 in favor of the motion. With Chairman Muratore, Selectman Harnais, and Selectman Brewster voting against the motion, the motion did not carry.

Selectman Brewster made a motion to enact the proposed waiver until January of 2014, with a review in April 2013. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion, and the Board voted 3-2 in favor. Vice Chairman Mahoney and Selectman Tavares cast the opposing votes.

Chairman Muratore called for a brief recess. The PGDC officially adjourned its meeting at approximately 9:20 p.m.

JOINT MEETING: INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL LAND STUDY REPORT

PLANNING BOARD

Marc Garrett, Chairman
Timothy Grandy
Ken Buechs (Planning Alternate)

Chairman Muratore reconvened the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Mr. Garrett began the presentation with a summary of the Industrial/Commercial Land Study Committee’s (“ICLSC”) purpose and history of activities over the course of the past year and a half. The primary task of the committee, he explained, was to identify and evaluate those parcels and areas within town that would be suitable for commercial development. Mr. Garrett listed the citizens and officials who served on the ICLSC and noted the support provided to the committee by the professional staff of the Department of Planning & Development.

Mr. Garrett reported that the committee met with a number of local and state professionals from the fields of land use, engineering, development, and environmental protection in the course of completing the following tasks:

- Identify preferred development locations
- Evaluate constraints to development
- Collect and review existing land use information
- Prepare a series of “industrial / commercial / office land use” goals
- Analyze and summarize collected information
- Prepare a prioritized list of potential industrial / commercial / office sites
- Document findings, accompanied by a series of summary maps
- Evaluate future infrastructure needs and determine which tasks may require outside help
- Suggest land use, zoning, and policy modifications consistent with goals

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning & Development, resumed the presentation with specifics on the results of the committee’s study. The goals given to the committee, Mr. Hartmann explained, originate from the Town’s Master Plan and the RKG Economic Development Plan. The focus of the land review study, he noted, was to compile an inventory of non-residentially-zoned land in marketable locations that would be suitable for non-retail commercial development.

Mr. Hartmann discussed the characteristics of Plymouth’s population growth, commercial profile, and workforce, noting that there are approximately 1,574 companies in Plymouth that employ nearly 23,000 workers. Because Plymouth is a desirable place to live, he explained, it is expected that the Town’s population will continue to grow, which, in turn, will create a demand for commercial growth and job creation.

Mr. Hartmann displayed a number of tables and charts illustrating the composition and diversity of Plymouth’s commercial sectors. The health care/social services field, he said, is the third largest employer in Plymouth, second only to transportation/utilities and professional/business services, respectively. Mr. Hartmann talked about the ways in which Massachusetts’ employment sectors have shifted, and he offered projections on how the profile of local jobs is anticipated to change in the coming years.

Mr. Hartmann continued his presentation with maps of Plymouth’s commercially-zoned districts and a pie chart illustrating the comparison of residential and State Forest acreage (78.5% and 15.8% of the Town’s land area, respectively) to the acreage that falls under commercial zoning (5.6%, broken into eleven categories). Much of the Town’s developable industrial acreage is at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, he noted. Mr. Hartmann explained how the geographic location of a developable area factors into the utilization of the Town’s available commercial acreage, e.g. there are many developable acres near the Plymouth Municipal Airport, but only certain types of businesses are interested in operating in that area.

Mr. Hartmann listed a number of issues and constraints to commercial development, e.g. access, topography, environmental sensitivity, availability of infrastructure, and legal/regulatory issues. The committee, he said, considered these constraints while rating each specific development site. Mr. Hartmann then displayed a map of the Town with

overlay details of highway access and water/sewer infrastructure. Much of the committee's focus, he noted, was on those parcels falling within a one-mile radius of the exits along Route 3. Mr. Hartmann asserted that the committee has only recommended further study of the sites on the ranked list – it is not recommending that the sites be immediately re-zoned.

Mr. Hartmann reviewed a list of twenty-six actions for implementation that the committee formulated, grouped within the following four categories: zoning strategies; infrastructure strategies; permitting strategies; and other strategies. Some of the top-tier recommendations, he noted, were:

- Increase building height in currently-zoned areas
- Convert routinely-approved Special Permit uses to Allowed Uses in Light Industrial Zone
- Revise or reduce the Sewer Tie-In fee
- Create permit ready sites
- Reduce the number of project review meetings and presentations
- Streamline the Town Meeting zoning amendment process

Mr. Garrett thanked Mr. Hartmann for the work he did on the report, and he discussed a number of “next steps” that the committee has recommended:

- Vote to continue the committee (renew yearly)
- Support and implement the strategies outlined in the report
- Conduct further study of potential sites
- Pursue capital funding requests for infrastructure improvements

At the close of the presentation, Vice Chairman Mahoney made a motion to extend the work of the Industrial / Commercial / Office Land Study Committee for another year. Chairman Muratore clarified that the Board should indicate an end date of June 30, 2013. Vice Chairman Mahoney acknowledged that the end date could be included in his motion. Selectman Harnais seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

Selectman Harnais made a motion to accept the report of the Industrial / Commercial / Office Land Study Committee, as presented. Selectman Brewster seconded the motion, and the Board voted 5-0-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission / Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station – Selectmen Brewster reported that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”) recently froze all permits and licenses as the result of a recent appeals court decision that now requires the NRC to conduct studies on the environmental impact of storing spent fuel rods at nuclear power facilities. Unfortunately, she said, this decision comes too late for Pilgrim, which was recently relicensed without such study. Selectman Brewster noted that the recent appeals court decision underscores the relevance of forming a Coalition of Nuclear Communities to demand accountability from the government for the storage of nuclear waste.

Visit from Shichigahama Officials – Vice Chairman Mahoney noted the remarkable improvement that the Town made upon the way by which it hosted the official delegation from Shichigahama. He commended the Distinguished Visitors Committee for assembling the best itinerary he has seen during his tenure as Selectmen (during which visits from Shichigahama occurred in 2008, 2010, and 2012), noting the effect that dedicated funding and planning clearly had upon the visitors’ experience.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 9:55 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the August 14, 2012 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s office.