

# ~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012**

TOWN HALL MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

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

Absent: Selectman Sergio Harnais  
Town Manager Melissa Arrighi

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Muratore called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board voted at 6:10 p.m. to enter executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and Paragraph 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, as an open meeting on these matters may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Tavares – yes, Mahoney – yes, Brewster – yes, and Muratore – yes.

Chairman Muratore noted that, following executive session, the Board would reconvene in open session.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Muratore reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance with the assistance of the students from the Plymouth Public Schools' Kids Voting Program.

## **RECOGNITION OF PLYMOUTH KIDS VOTING MONTH**

Plymouth Social Studies Coordinator Kathy Babini and students from the Indian Brook Elementary School provided a brief presentation on the Plymouth Public Schools' Kids

Voting Program. The students each took turns offering a word associated with the importance of voting. Ms. Babini explained that the Plymouth Schools have offered the Kids Voting program since 1997, whereby students accompany their parents on voting day and cast their own ballots for candidates.

At the close of the presentation, Chairman Muratore presented the students with a proclamation honoring Plymouth's Kids Voting Program.

## **UPDATE ON OBERY STREET**

Jonathan Beder, Director of Public Works, provided the Selectmen with a brief update on plans to improve Obery Street. The reconstruction of Obery Street, he explained, is anticipated to begin in 2015 and will be funded entirely through the State's Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Beder indicated that the street, when completed, will include a dedicated bike lane, enhanced sidewalks, and two new roundabouts—one at the entrances to Plymouth North High School and Jordan Hospital and one at the entrance to the Plymouth County Courthouse / Registry of Deeds. At this time, he noted, the design drawings for the project are 75% complete.

In response to an inquiry from Selectman Tavares, Mr. Beder reported that the Town recently resurfaced Obery Street (in its current state of layout) in order to prevent further deterioration of the roadway. Mr. Beder also noted that, as part of the reconstruction project, new signals will be installed at the intersection of Obery Street and South Street.

## **COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

**Follow-up to Urban Land Institute Panel on 1820 Courthouse** – Chairman Muratore informed the Board that, on September 28, 2012, he attended a follow-up meeting on the recent Urban Land Institute (“ULI”) panel workshop regarding the 1820 Courthouse. At the meeting, he said, ULI members and Town officials discussed how to proceed with the recommendations offered during the panel workshop. Chairman Muratore noted that, once the final ULI report is issued, the Selectmen will likely meet in joint session with the Planning Board, Plymouth Redevelopment Authority, and Community Preservation Committee.

**Official Trip to Plymouth, U.K.** – Chairman Muratore reported upon the recent trip that he and a number of other Town officials and business leaders took to Plymouth, United Kingdom to discuss business and tourism partnerships. One of the main topics discussed during the very productive trip, he explained, was the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the historic Mayflower voyage from Plymouth, U.K. to Plymouth, U.S.A. and how each community is planning to commemorate the event. Chairman Muratore briefly described some of the meetings and activities in which the Town's official delegation participated during the trip, noting that Denis Hanks (from the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce) will provide the Selectmen with a more formal report during an upcoming meeting.

Selectman Brewster, who participated in the official visit to Plymouth, U.K., provided additional information on the plans to link the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative events between both communities. It was exciting, she said, to see how much work that Plymouth, U.K. officials have done to plan for the event and revitalize their downtown/business district. Selectman Brewster indicated that both groups are committed to developing the “twin sister” relationship and encouraging inter-community tourism.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ANNUAL ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LICENSE**  
**SEA DOG PLYMOUTH LLC D/B/A SEA DOG BREW PUB, 6 TOWN WHARF**

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider the application for a new Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License from Sea Dog Plymouth LLC d/b/a Sea Dog Brew Pub, 6 Town Wharf, Peter Lucido as Manager. Chairman Muratore 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 Steven Triffletti addressed the Board on behalf of Sea Dog Plymouth LLC. The owners of the Sea Dog Brew Pub, he indicated, plan to add Plymouth to their growing list of restaurant franchise locations, which already includes Hull, Woburn, and Nantucket. Attorney Triffletti explained that Peter Lucido, Chief Operating Officer of the company and Manager of the proposed Plymouth location, is very familiar with Plymouth and has several years of experience in the restaurant industry. The Sea Dog Brew Pub, he noted, has demonstrated (through the success of its other locations) that it has a tried-and-true product and can operate as a good community neighbor. Attorney Triffletti assured the Board that staff will be fully trained prior to the restaurant’s anticipated January opening.

In response to some brief questions from the Board, Peter Lucido explained that Plymouth was chosen as Sea Dog’s newest location because of the opportunity to operate from the prime Town Wharf location on the waterfront. The brew pub, he said, is a family-friendly New England establishment that focuses on craft beers and locally-produced food.

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

Jim Benedict of the Downtown Plymouth Neighborhood Watch reported that he had a conversation with Attorney Triffletti about the Sea Dog Brew Pub’s plans to have live entertainment. Chairman Muratore asked Mr. Benedict to hold any comments he wished to issue regarding the entertainment license until the Board considered that particular license.

Dave Gilbert, who identified himself as a voter from Precinct 1 and a business owner in Precinct 3, encouraged the Board to give the brew pub an opportunity to prove that it can be a family-oriented business and good community neighbor.

At the close of public comment, Chairman Muratore closed the hearing to await a motion of the Board.

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board granted a new Annual All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License to Sea Dog Plymouth LLC d/b/a Sea Dog Brew Pub, 6 Town Wharf, as requested in the license application. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to grant the following licenses to Sea Dog Plymouth LLC d/b/a Sea Dog Brew Pub, 6 Town Wharf, in conjunction with the approved Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License, as listed below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- Comprehensive Entertainment – Live Entertainment
- Common Victualler
- Extension of Hours – 1:00 a.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: ISSUANCE OF STOCK (LIQUOR LICENSE)**

99 RESTAURANTS OF BOSTON, LLC D/B/A 99 RESTAURANT & PUB, 19 HOME DEPOT DR.

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider the application for an Issuance of Stock (Liquor License) from 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 19 Home Depot Drive. Chairman Muratore read a description of the licensed premises and affirmed that notice of the hearing was given to the public in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Russell McKeown, General Manager of the 99 Restaurant & Pub on Home Depot Drive, explained that the 99 Restaurant franchise is changing its parent company from O'Charley's, Inc. to Fidelity Management. As part of this change, he said, the Issuance of Stock (pertaining to the liquor license) must be modified. Mr. McKeown assured the Board that, aside from the change in parent company, there are no changes to the terms of the liquor license or the operation of the restaurant.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Muratore opened the hearing to public comment. No citizens came forth, and, thus, Chairman Muratore closed the hearing to await a motion of the Board.

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board approved an Issuance of Stock (Liquor License) for 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 19 Home Depot Drive, as requested in the license application. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

## **LICENSES**

### **VEHICLE FOR HIRE (NEW)**

On a motion by Vice Chairman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Brewster, the Board voted to grant a Vehicle Permit to the following Vehicle for Hire Business, as noted below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Plymouth Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Mayflower Taxi** applied for one new Taxi vehicle: 2002 Ford Taurus, TA19323. This vehicle will replace an existing vehicle. The vehicle has been inspected by the Inspectional Services Department.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**Meeting Minutes** – The Board approved the meeting minutes of the June 26, 2012 and July 10, 2012 Selectmen’s meetings.

**2012 Election Warrant** – The Board signed the November 6, 2012 election warrant.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **PRESENTATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Muratore noted that the presentation on the Natural Resources Department had been postponed until the meeting of October 16, 2012.

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

The members of the Board did not offer any comments on old business, letters, or new business during this particular meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On a motion by Selectman Brewster, seconded by Vice Chairman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

*Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen*

*A copy of the October 9, 2012 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s office.*