

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Belinda A. Brewster, Vice Chairman
John T. Mahoney Jr.
Kenneth A. Tavares
Anthony F. Provenzano Jr.

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

Absent: Mathew J. Muratore, Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Brewster called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Selectmen voted to enter an 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 the matter may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. Vice Chairman Brewster noted that that Board would reconvene in open session, following executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Vice Chairman Brewster thanked Selectman Tavares and the volunteers of July 4 Plymouth, Inc. for their dedicated efforts to produce yet another successful July 4th celebration. In addition, she thanked the Town's Police, Fire, and Public Works departments for providing Plymouth's residents and visitors with a safe and organized event.

Selectman Tavares thanked the Town Manager's Office and his fellow Selectmen for their assistance with the planning and execution of the Independence Day events. The members of July 4 Plymouth, Inc. will come back before the Board in the fall with some updates on their fundraising initiatives for the 2014 events, he said.

PRESENTATION OF FIRST EDITION OF *OLD COLONY MEMORIAL*

John Hedge of Plymouth, joined by his grandchildren Connor Hedge and Sasha Hedge of North Carolina, presented the Town with an original copy of the first issue of the *Old Colony Memorial* newspaper. Mr. Hedge noted that he is a 9th generation descendant of Lothrop Hedge, who was involved in the founding of the local newspaper. The edition—Volume 1, Issue Number 1, dated May 4, 1822—was found in his family home. Mr. Hedge indicated that the edition was authenticated by staff at the Plymouth Public Library.

Vice Chairman Brewster thanked the Hedge family for the generous donation, noting that the Plymouth Public Library will properly store the vintage document.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

FY2015 Budget Development Process – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi noted that, at the behest of the Selectmen for a more open and engaged budget process, she plans to include an update on the FY2015 budget development process during each of her Town Manager's Reports. At this time, she said, the Selectmen have given her a directive to draft a budget showing the impact of an overall increase of 2.5% increase on the levy, plus new growth and the override (new high school and senior center project). Ms. Arrighi noted that she will be seeking input from the Selectmen and the public on her weekly budgetary presentations, which she will make available on the Town's website.

Ms. Arrighi reviewed two pie-graph charts illustrating the basic breakdown of the way by which the General Fund is allocated and the distribution of expenses within the Town's operating budget. Salaries, she noted, comprise 85% of the Town's operating budget. Ms. Arrighi discussed her continued efforts to reduce the Town's fixed costs and closely monitor debt. If the Town is to make any significant strides in reducing fixed costs or other expenses not related to salaries, she said, there will be a number of difficult decisions to make for the FY2015 budget (e.g. several important capital projects or initiatives that will have to be abandoned or tabled).

Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that the Department Heads have been instructed to analyze their basic core functions and identify any additional, auxiliary services that their department provides for Plymouth's residents. In recognition that salaries (Town and School) typically constitute 80% of the overall budget, the Department Heads were asked to carefully scrutinize their respective staffing levels and overtime practices. As an additional exercise, Ms. Arrighi indicated, Department Heads were asked to identify those projects or initiatives that they would pursue for the benefit of the Town, if there were no

budgetary limitations. The Director of Public Works, for example, has drafted a list of capital projects and infrastructural improvements that will prepare the Town for the 400th Anniversary Celebration in 2020, such as Stephens Field, Water Street, the Parking Garage, Burial Hill, and the 1820 Courthouse.

FY2014 Goals – Ms. Arrighi revisited the list of FY2014 goals that she provided to the Selectmen in her May 9, 2013 Town Manager’s Report. It seems appropriate to discuss and formalize the Town Manager’s FY2014 goals in the context of developing the FY2015 Budget, she said, as she and her staff will be dedicating a significant amount of time to each initiative/project on the list. Ms. Arrighi outlined the goals and asked the Selectmen to review the list and assist her with narrowing her focus.

- a. Entergy Agreement
- b. FY2015 Budget (providing an earlier and more engaged development process)
- c. 1820 Courthouse Project
- d. Solid Waste Tipping Fee Contract
- e. Public Building Safety for Visitors and Staff
- f. Parking Garage Project
- g. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- h. Online Media Outlets / News Ways to Communicate with Public
- i. 1,000 Acres Site / Additional Commercial Revenue
- j. Expedited Permitting Process / Business Friendly Philosophy
- k. Improve Efficiency of Special Event Process
- l. Education on Guiding Principles

Sale of Solid Waste Services – Ms. Arrighi reported that, to-date, 4,540 residents have purchased the curbside solid waste option; 4,244 residents have chosen the transfer station option; and 1,560 have selected “the works (the option of using both services).” Now that the new Pay-As-You-Throw (“PAYT”) program is underway, she said, the DPW has noticed an increase in recycling at the Town’s transfer stations, which can be viewed as an early sign of success.

License Agreement for Development off Long Pond Road / Home Depot Drive – Ms. Arrighi reported on a request she received from Harald LLC—owners of property at the end of Home Depot Drive—for a temporary license to conduct clearing work on a segment of Town-owned property near the Lout Pond well site. The developers have gone before the Zoning Board of Appeals with their plans for a large-scale development behind the Home Depot Plaza, she explained, but the hearing was continued to a later date. Ms. Arrighi indicated that, as part of the development, Harald LLC seeks to clear some trees and perform some grading work that will span onto the Town-owned property. Following a site visit, she reported, staff has worked with the developer to draft a license agreement to allow such work while protecting the Town’s well resource. As part of the 18-month license agreement, she stated, the developer must post a bond and clear 850 cubic yards of litter and debris from the Town’s property. Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that she would execute the license agreement with the developer as the Town Manager.

Green Initiative / Public Car Charging Station – Ms. Arrighi provided the Board with information on the public car charging station that was installed in the parking lot on Russell Street (across from the old Police Station). Though the dual-port charging station was installed via the ChargePoint Grant with one year of system monitoring and software upgrades, she indicated, the Town will eventually have to assume an annual monitoring fee of \$460.00, in addition to the cost of electricity used. In response to a recent inquiry from a resident who asked if the Town was paying for the electricity at the station, Ms. Arrighi reported that 19 charging events have occurred since the installation of the station in May 2013, resulting in a total charge to the Town of \$22.00, or \$1.16 per charging event. Though the Town does pay for the electricity, she acknowledged, the overall benefit for residents, visitors, and the environment outweighs the expense. Ms. Arrighi indicated that she has directed the Town’s Energy Committee to consider the eventual implementation of an EV Charging Station fee, following a review of the usage data after one year of operation.

Following her report, Ms. Arrighi responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Selectman Mahoney asked that the Director of Public Works conduct a one-month evaluation of the new solid waste program and prepare a report for the July 30th Selectmen’s meeting. Following some discussion on the request, it was decided that it would be best to schedule such a presentation on an evening when all five members of the Board can be present.

With regard to the proposed license agreement with Harald LLC for the grading/clearing work off Home Depot Drive, Selectman Mahoney stated his belief that citizens should be given the opportunity to comment on the matter. Selectman Tavares agreed, noting that the recent incident at the High Rock Cranberry Crescent Development on Route 80 (which resulted in the erroneous removal of a significant vegetative buffer) is cause to be more discerning with the specifics of development plans that involve the grading or clearing of land.

In response to a question from Vice Chairman Brewster, Ms. Arrighi explained that Harald LLC has requested permission to clear and grade a portion of property that the Town acquired for the protection of the Lout Pond well zone. Ms. Arrighi noted that she would provide the Board with maps detailing the developer’s plans, upon request.

Selectman Mahoney requested that the matter be scheduled as an agenda item during an upcoming meeting, to provide the public with the ability to comment on the proposed license agreement. Following some brief remaining discussion, Vice Chairman Brewster acknowledged the apparent consensus that the Board would like to schedule a discussion on the Harald LLC license agreement for either the July 30th or August 13th meeting.

Vice Chairman Brewster asked the Town Manager to explain the item on her list of FY2014 goals related to public building safety. Ms. Arrighi indicated that she and her staff are considering the installation of camera surveillance equipment in the Town’s

various public facilities—Town Hall, Memorial Hall, the Library, etc.—to provide enhanced security for employees and visitors and to aid emergency response personnel.

Vice Chairman Brewster referenced the Town Manager’s goal of improving the efficiency of the process for Special Event Permits, noting her belief that safety should remain the key element in any improvement to the permit application procedure.

COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Nuclear Matters Committee – Selectman Mahoney reported that he attended the July 15, 2013 meeting of the Nuclear Matters Committee. The committee, he said, plans to initiate communication with the Board of Selectmen regarding Entergy’s plans for dry cask storage, as the committee has some concerns and differences of opinion on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eugene Lane, a resident of Precinct 6, spoke to the Board regarding the closure of Avenue A during the 4th of July holiday. Starting three years ago, he said, some residents of the street began blocking the road from public access, claiming the right do so because of the road’s private status. Mr. Lane stated his belief that—though the road may be classified as private—Avenue A is a public way, and, thus, the residents have no right to block access to the public. In addition, he reported, those same residents have installed speed bumps on the street, without permission from the Town. Mr. Lane insisted that only the Selectmen have the authority to close a road, and, therefore, the Town must assert its rights and prevent future attempts by residents to block Avenue A.

Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that the Police and Fire Chief are aware of the closure of Avenue A, as such requests for roadway closures (i.e. construction work and special events) are vetted and approved internally, as standard procedure. Mr. Lane, she said, has not been able to provide her with any bylaw or statute that states the Selectmen are the only entity/office authorized to close roadways. Ms. Arrighi noted that she is aware of the speed bump issue, as some residents on Avenue A are pleased with the idea while others are not. The roadway is private, she said, which means that the property on which the road is situated belongs to the adjacent homeowners.

Frank Sheehan, a resident of Avenue A, told the Board that he has lived at the same location as a summer resident for nearly 40 years and as a permanent resident for 20 years. Mr. Sheehan expressed his belief that his neighbors have no right to close the roadway or install speed bumps without the permission of all the homeowners on the street. The barrels closing the roadway are a nuisance and a hazard, he said, and the speed bumps are so difficult to traverse that he questions whether the devices conform to typical roadway standards. Mr. Sheehan made an observation that the closure of Avenue A to public through-traffic also affects the business of the White Horse General Store, rendering Post Office Lane as a dead-end street and restricting access to the store’s off-street parking (via

Post Office Lane) from White Horse Road, only. Post Office Lane, he added, is in terrible condition.

Francis Kuhn, owner of the White Horse General Store, echoed Mr. Sheehan's concerns regarding the condition of Post Office Lane. Mr. Kuhn offered his belief that the Town should not allow the closure of Avenue A during the busy 3rd of July celebrations on White Horse Beach.

Vice Chairman Brewster asked the Town Manager to follow up with Mr. Lane and Mr. Sheehan regarding the closure of Avenue A to public through-traffic.

Everett Malaguti, Town Meeting Representative from Precinct 1, questioned why the Department of Public Works ("DPW") no longer provides trash barrels along the Rail Trail that runs from Cordage Park to Nelson Memorial Park. Many residents and visitors who use this trail have no means of disposing small trash items or dog waste unless they bring it to Nelson Park—where the trash receptacles are currently overflowing, he said.

Gerald Ouellette thanked the Board for maintaining a transfer station option as part of the new solid waste program. He advised the Board, however, that the Town should have offered a smaller Pay-As-You-Throw bag size, which, he said, would have been easier for older citizens to manage.

LICENSES

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE*

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Michelle Riley** (117 Tall Oaks Dr. Unit J, Weymouth, MA 02190) requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a Mixed Martial Arts Event to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall on July 26, 2013. Liquor liability will be in place before the license is released.

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 3-0-1, approved. Selectman Tavares abstained from the vote.

- ❖ **Steven Delisle / PI HOLE PIZZA** (20 Court Street) requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for a reception to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the business establishment, to be held on location at 20 Court Street from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 20, 2013. Liquor liability will be in place before the 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.

ONE ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE*

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Tavares, the Board voted to grant a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Robin Nutter / Pilgrim Hall Museum** (75 Court Street) requested a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for a Dinner Program to be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall Museum on July 19, 2013. Liquor liability will be in place before the 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 Tavares, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a Pedi-Cab Operator License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **For Plymouth Pedicab** (4 Freedom Street, Michael Tubin, Owner):

- Cynthia Winkley, 4 Freedom Street, Plymouth

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

VEHICLE FOR HIRE LICENSE

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to grant a Vehicle for Hire License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Scott M. Vecchi/Plimoth Transportation, Inc./DBA Mayflower Taxi** (130 Camelot Drive, #19) requested a Vehicle for Hire License for one new vehicle.

Issuance of the above license is subject to a valid Certificate of Registration and proof of Liability Insurance.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Tavares, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2013 Selectmen’s meeting. Voted 3-0-1, approved, with an abstention from Selectman Provenzano, as he was not a member of the Board at the time of the April 30th meeting.

Fall Town Meeting Warrant – The Board opened the Warrant for the Saturday, October 19, 2013 Fall Town Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 and set a closing deadline of Friday, August 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

OPEIU Collective Bargaining Agreement – The Board ratified the OPEIU Collective Bargaining Agreement for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

PGDC Contribution to July 4th Events – The Board accepted a contribution from the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Town-related expenses associated with the July 4th parade and fireworks festivities.

Endorsement of Dismissal of Uncollectable Parking Fines – The Board approved the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation’s request to dismiss \$2,319.00 in uncollectable parking fines and penalties dated between June 26, 2010 to December 11, 2012.

Acceptance of Deed for Conservation Parcel off Whitley Trail – The Board approved and executed an *Acceptance of Deed* from Richard T. Johnson and Katrina W. Johnson for a gift of 5.48 acres of property off Whitley Trail, identified as Lot 2-9 on Assessors Map 124, to be placed under the care of the Conservation Commission.

Acceptance of Deed for Property at 54 Taylor Avenue – The Board approved and executed the following documents related to the acquisition of property identified as Lot 7A-3 on Assessor’s Map 46 (54 Taylor Avenue), as authorized by Article 16C of the 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting:

- *Acceptance of Deed* from Dianne S. Lockwood to the Town of Plymouth
- *Settlement Statement* between Dianne S. Lockwood (“Seller”) and the Town (“Buyer”)

Exclusive Vending Rights for Forefathers Event – The Board granted exclusive vending rights to Plymouth 400, Inc. for the Forefathers’ Family Fun Day and Movie Night event to be held on August 3, 2013 (rain date August 4, 2013) at the National Monument to the Forefathers, 70 Allerton Street.

End-of-Year Appropriation Transfers – The Board approved the following End-of-Year Appropriation Transfers:

- \$24,624 from Town Manager – Fixed Costs to Human Resources – Fixed Costs
- \$22,059 from Police – Salaries and Wages to Human Resources – Fixed Costs

Burial Hill Planning & Design Team – On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Tavares, the Board voted to designate Vice Chairman Brewster as the Board’s representative on the Burial Hill Planning & Design Team. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – UNCONTESTED SEATS

Vice Chairman Brewster read a list of citizens who applied to serve on a number of the Town's committees, boards, and commissions. With these particular vacancies, she noted, there was only one applicant for each available seat (rendering the applications "uncontested").

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint the following citizens to the committees listed below.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT

James V. O'Brien	20 Scarlet Drive	New Applicant Citizen-At-Large Seat	Term exp. 6/30/2015
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AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT

Darryl E. Richters	4 Whiting Street	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2016
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BUILDING COMMITTEE: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT

Andrew T. Golden	40 Craig Street	New Applicant Attorney Seat	Term exp. 6/30/2016
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CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT

Gerald Ouellette	87 Andrews Way	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2016
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT

Nicole Kustanovitz	10 Tall Pines Road	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2016
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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT

Robert A. Fournier	11 Rigsdale Way	Incumbent	Term exp. 6/30/2016
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SO. SHORE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL: 1 SEAT AVAILABLE, 1 APPLICANT

Patrick O'Brien	15 Indian Avenue	Incumbent Town Designee	Term exp. 6/30/2015
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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – CONTESTED SEATS

STEPHENS FIELD PLANNING & DESIGN: 2 SEATS AVAILABLE, 7 APPLICANTS

Vice Chairman Brewster indicated that the Board would consider the appointment of two (2) citizens-at-large to the Stephens Field Planning & Design Committee, for terms effective July 17, 2013 through June 30, 2014. There were seven (7) applicants:

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| ▪ Barbara Anglin | 21 Fremont Street | New Applicant |
| ▪ Joan Bartlett | 226 Warren Avenue | New Applicant |
| ▪ Merlin Ladd III | 138 Sandwich Street | New Applicant |
| ▪ Dean Rizzo | 21 Fremont Street | New Applicant |
| ▪ Richard Sgarzi | 218 Warren Avenue | New Applicant |
| ▪ Martha Stone | 7 South Spooner Street | New Applicant |
| ▪ David Tarantino, Jr. | 8 Warren Avenue | New Applicant |

Prior to the start of the interview process, Selectman Tavares inquired about the composition of the committee and whether the Board could make modifications to it.

Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that the Stephens Field Planning & Design Committee was created via the Community Preservation Committee-sponsored article that was approved by Town Meeting in April (2013). The seven-member committee, she said, is comprised of a designated representative from each of the following entities: Town Meeting Precinct 3; Precinct 4; the Open Space Committee; the Friends of Stephens Field; the Recreation Department; and two citizens-at-large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Arrighi explained that the Selectmen cannot make modifications to Town Meeting-created committees in the same manner that they can alter their own Board-created committees.

In response to a question from Selectman Mahoney, Ms. Arrighi noted that she cannot yet determine how long the temporary committee will exist, as the committee's duration will simply depend upon the length of time it takes to complete the design process.

Selectman Tavares stated that he would be happy to appoint any of the seven candidates who have applied to serve, but the Selectmen can only make two appointments. He expressed his belief that the structure of the committee does not seem to provide for adequate neighborhood representation, and, as such, he made a recommendation that the number of Selectmen-appointed seats on the committee be increased by two.

Following some brief remaining discussion, Vice Chairman Brewster invited each of the candidates, one-by-one, to interview before the Board. Candidate Richard Sgarzi was unable to attend the interview session. Each of the other six applicants was given the opportunity to introduce him/herself and to answer questions posed by the Board. During the interviews, Dean Rizzo noted that he wished to withdraw his name from consideration.

At the conclusion of the interview process, Vice Chairman Brewster read the names of the applicants and asked the members of the Board to cast votes for the two candidates they wished to appoint.

- Barbara Anglin 1 vote (Tavares)
- Joan Bartlett 3 votes (Brewster, Mahoney, Provenzano)
- Merlin Ladd III 1 vote (Mahoney)
- Dean Rizzo - Withdrawn -
- Richard Sgarzi 0 votes
- Martha Stone 0 votes
- David Tarantino, Jr. 3 votes (Brewster, Tavares, Provenzano)

By majority vote, the Board appointed Joan Bartlett and David Tarantino Jr. to the Stephens Field Planning & Design Committee, for terms effective July 17, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Selectman Tavares made a motion to place an article on the Fall 2013 Town Meeting Warrant to increase the Stephens Field Planning & Design Committee by two members. Selectman Provenzano seconded the motion, and the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Chapter 61 Lands / Notice of Intent to Convert – Assistant Town Manager Mike Galla provided the Board with an update on a 23.5-acre parcel of Chapter 61-designated land off Bourne Road, identified as Lots 10A and 11 on Assessor’s Map 129 (owned by The Garland Holding Company, LLC). Mr. Galla confirmed that he has notified all necessary departments and committees of the Notice of Intent to convert the property from Chapter 61 designation. An appraiser has been selected, he said, and Town Officials have arranged meetings with the necessary State agencies to discuss the habitat associated with the property. In response to an inquiry from the Board during the previous meeting, Mr. Galla reported that there are 12,058 acres of land in Plymouth that currently fall under Chapter 61 tax status.

Quality of Pay-As-You-Throw Bags – Selectman Tavares noted that he has received a number of calls from constituents regarding the quality of the Town’s orange Pay-As-You-Throw (“PAYT”) bags. Many residents are claiming that the bags are ripping easily, he said, which should not happen at a cost of \$1.75 per bag.

Recycling Coordination Position – Selectman Tavares asked for more information on the Recycling Coordinator position that the Department of Public Works recently requested.

Economic Impact of Tourism in Plymouth – Selectman Tavares referenced some disheartening comments that he recently read in an edition of the local newspaper regarding the impact of tourism on the Town’s economy. He noted that he would be happy to work with Town staff on a presentation that illustrates the positive effect that tourism has upon Plymouth’s restaurants, retail shops, and service industries.

1749 Courthouse – Selectman Tavares reported that he recently was told of some concerns about the condition of the restrooms, windows, and landscaping at the 1749 Courthouse. He asked the Town Manager to arrange a meeting with or presentation from the 1749 Courthouse Committee, so that the Board can be informed of the museum’s needs and determine if there is anything upon which the Board can provide assistance.

Nelson Street Splash Pad Feature – Selectman Tavares noted that he received a call from a constituent regarding the playground equipment and splash pad feature at Nelson Park Memorial Playground. The constituent, he said, indicated that the splash pad is not operating properly and the playground equipment is deteriorating.

Removal of Buffer along High Rock Cranberry Crescent Development – As a follow up to the Board’s July 2, 2013 vote to issue a letter to the developer of High Rock Cranberry Crescent regarding the erroneous removal of the vegetative buffer at the Route 80 site, Selectman Tavares urged the Board to remain persistent in ensuring that the developer corrects the mistake.

Spent Fuel Rods at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant / U.S. Congressional Delegation – Selectman Tavares advised the Board that he believes it is time to initiate communication with Massachusetts’ new junior Senator, Edward Markey, regarding the spent fuel rods at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and the need for better representation of Plymouth’s concerns at the Federal level. He asked that staff draft letters to Senators Warren and Markey, with copies to Plymouth’s State delegation, regarding its concerns about Pilgrim.

Funding for the 400th Anniversary Celebration – Vice Chairman Brewster reported that Governor Patrick has vetoed the funds set aside in the State budget for the 400th Anniversary Celebration. She and Selectman Tavares recommended that the Board send a letter to Governor Patrick, informing him of the importance of these funds and encouraging him to change his decision.

Small Cruise Line Scheduled to Dock in Plymouth Harbor – Vice Chairman Brewster was pleased to report that the Chamber of Commerce and Harbormaster’s Office have made arrangements for Blount Cruise Lines to add Plymouth to its roster of destinations. The small vessel cruise line, she said, will arrive in Plymouth in August as part of a cruise along the New England Coast. Vice Chairman Brewster noted that the success of arranging the stop with Blount Cruise Lines was a direct result of the visit that Denis Hanks (Chamber of Commerce) and Chad Hunter (Harbormaster) made to a cruise symposium on Massachusetts’ ports-of-call.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 9:35 p.m. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the July 16, 2013 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.