

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Mathew J. Muratore, Chairman
Belinda A. Brewster, Vice Chairman
John T. Mahoney, Jr. [arrived at 5:40 p.m.]
Kenneth A. Tavares
Anthony F. Provenzano

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Muratore called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Selectmen voted to enter executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, as an open meeting on this matter may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Tavares – yes, Brewster – yes, Provenzano – yes, and Muratore – yes.

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Chairman Muratore reconvened the meeting in open session at 7:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Virtual Town Hall – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi was pleased to announce that staff has created a link on the homepage of the Town website for Town Meeting representatives, in order to help them more easily find necessary information for Town Meeting. This link,

she explained, leads to a page where residents, as well as Town Meeting representatives, can find such information as the Town Meeting Warrant, the Town's Guiding Principles, and a list of Town Meeting Members by precinct. Ms. Arrighi noted that staff will also be adding a copy of the Town Meeting Handbook and the Advisory and Finance Committee's "Report & Recommendation" book to the information page, when available.

Town Meeting Forums – Ms. Arrighi indicated that the Committee of Precinct Chairs has voted to hold two presentation forums in support of the upcoming Fall Town Meeting. The first forum will be hosted by Christine Pratt, Chairman of Precinct 1, on October 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Mayflower Room at Town Hall, while the second forum will be hosted by Karen Keane, Chairman of Precinct 14, on October 9th at a time and location to be determined.

Expedited Permitting – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that she attended the first of a series of meetings to gather information and solicit guidance on ways by which the Town can expedite the permitting process for local developers or residents seeking building permits in Plymouth. This first meeting, she indicated, included input from the chairmen of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Historic District Commission on the following topics:

- The regulations pertaining to the Town's pre- and post-permitting process
- The number of committee reviews and night meetings that applicants must attend
- The duration of the permitting process
- Recurring complaints from applicants

Ms. Arrighi reported that the group discussed a number of potential improvements and solutions that may help to streamline the Town's permitting process. A follow-up meeting, she said, is scheduled to discuss the ideas proposed during the first meeting and to review other suggestions from developers, engineers, attorneys, and staff.

FY2015 Budget Development Process – Ms. Arrighi provided the Board with an update on the FY2015 budget development process. The budget guidelines and general budget message, she indicated, will be provided in the next week to the Town's Department Heads, who are currently gearing up to submit their FY2015 Budget requests. Ms. Arrighi affirmed that staff has been asked to produce their budgets in accordance with a 2% increase on the levy (plus new growth and the override), which means that departments must budget only contractual changes, such as salary steps or cost of living adjustments. The only new initiatives that will be considered within the FY2015 budget, she said, are those that were debated by an internal budget group consisting of Plymouth's School Committee Chairman, School Superintendent, School Business Manager, Finance Director, Budget Analyst, Town Manager, Finance Committee Chairman and Vice Chairmen, and Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectman.

1820 Courthouse Feasibility Study – Ms. Arrighi gave the Board a brief progress update on the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Complex feasibility study, noting that the 1820 Courthouse Advisory Team is currently awaiting a detailed financial report from the study consultant (Durkee, Brown, Viveiros, & Werenfels) on the cost estimates associated with

the proposed project. In the meantime, she reported, the Advisory Team is moving forth with plans for a large-scale, formal public presentation on the feasibility study for residents and Town Meeting Members. The presentation will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Plymouth South High School Cafetorium on the evening of November 13, 2013.

Downtown / Waterfront Improvement Projects – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that staff members from various departments are currently preparing a presentation for the Selectmen upon several upcoming projects under consideration for the downtown/waterfront area. The presentation, she explained, will cover the major improvements proposed to:

- Samoset Street and Water Street (roadway reconstruction)
- Water Street Bridge Culvert
- T-Wharf
- Burial Hill and Town Square
- Stephen’s Field
- Parking Garage / Transportation Center
- Intersection of Sandwich, South, and Lincoln streets (signalization)
- Water Street sewer interceptor (relocation) and drainage infrastructure

Ms. Arrighi noted that she has held a spot for the 1820 Courthouse project in those plans, as staff awaits feedback on the proposal from the public.

COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Capital Improvements Committee – Selectman Provenzano noted that he attended the September 23, 2013 meeting of the Capital Improvements Committee. The public, he said, should be assured that the committee takes its role very seriously in evaluating the Town’s capital improvement projects and assessing the emergency nature of each project (i.e. whether to approve a project for the Fall or the Spring Town Meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Everett Malaguti, Town Meeting Member from Precinct 1, inquired if the Town Manager planned to provide a follow-up presentation on her assessment of the Town’s response to the Blizzard of 2013, specifically regarding emergency/safety response and snow removal operations.

Ms. Arrighi responded that, following the blizzard in February 2013, staff held an internal meeting with representatives from Jordan Hospital, the Town’s ambulance provider, and American Red Cross to assess the overall management of the event. As a result of that meeting, she explained, the Town has adjusted its internal procedures for snow emergencies. Ms. Arrighi noted that, following such adjustments and improvements, she feels very confident that staff is better prepared for the next winter season.

Steve Lydon, Town Meeting Member from Precinct 12, inquired about the amount of funds owed by the Town to MassDevelopment for the work they conducted on the 1,000 Acres site. Ms. Arrighi answered that MassDevelopment provided us with consulting assistance (planning, site evaluation) on that site with the understanding that the Town would reimburse the organization if Plymouth ever moves forth with the development of the 1,000 Acres.

Dick Quintal announced that a group of citizens, collectively known as the “Friends of North Plymouth,” raised \$10,000 in two weeks towards the shortfall related to the acquisition of 308 Court Street (2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Article 16D). The funds were raised, he said, through the generosity of the Plymouth 9/11 Memorial Fund, Balboni’s, the Cristoforo Columbo Club, the American Legion, Ernie’s Restaurant, the Seaside Club, the VFW Post, the Cordage Company, Tania Webb, the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation, Quintal Brothers Produce, and Shiretown Glass / the Hallisey family.

Mr. Quintal changed topic and expressed concern about the potential affect that temporary, “brown-out” closures of the Town’s fire stations could have on emergency response time. Mr. Quintal acknowledged that the North Plymouth Station is aging and too small to accommodate new fire trucks, but the closure of that station could affect response to the North Plymouth area. Perhaps, he speculated, the Town should consider a future location or a consolidated emergency response complex that would accommodate North Plymouth’s needs.

Lastly, Mr. Quintal informed the Board that many people with whom he has spoken about the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Complex proposal are very taken aback by the \$35 million estimated price tag of the project. If the Town considers moving forth with the idea, Mr. Quintal stated, he will be the first to initiate a signature drive to overturn the project, because Plymouth’s businesses and residents are struggling.

Vice Chairman Brewster asked Mr. Quintal whether plans still exist to relocate the 9/11 Memorial from South Spooner Street to the new entrance to Veterans Park at 308 Court Street. Mr. Quintal (who funded and donated the memorial to the Town) indicated that he and residents of the Spooner Street neighborhood would prefer that the memorial remain in its original location.

LICENSES

ONE DAY WINE AND MALT LIQUOR LICENSE*

On a motion by Vice Chairman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to grant a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to the following applicant, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

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- ❖ **Kelly Serivan / Pathways to Healing** (15 Hopkins Drive, Bridgewater) requested two (2) One Day Wine & Malt Liquor Licenses for events to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall on September 27, 2013 and October 27, 2013. Liquor liability will be in place before the licenses are 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.

CHANGE OF MANAGER

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to approve a Change of Manager for the following holder of a liquor license, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Rye Tavern Corporation d/b/a Rye Tavern, 517 Old Sandwich Road**

Change of Manager from Joanne Farraar to Sean Nelson

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to approve a Change of Manager for the following holder of a liquor license, as detailed, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **British Beer Company LLC d/b/a British Beer Company, 6 Middle Street**

Change of Manager from Robert Clarke to Timothy Goonan

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

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – The Board approved the minutes of the July 16, July 23, and July 30, 2013 Selectmen’s meetings.

Amendment to Vote on Plymouth South High School Feasibility Study – The Board voted that the vote of the Board taken on October 16, 2012, relating to the Plymouth South High School project is hereby amended to increase the amount of costs of the feasibility study that are necessary architectural and preliminary costs from \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000, so that such vote reads in its entirety as follows:

Voted: that it is hereby determined that the costs of a feasibility study, including expenses associated with funding the owner’s project manager up to and including schematic design review for the replacement or renovation of or addition to Plymouth South High School, located on 121 acres of Town-owned land in South Plymouth, and specifically at 490 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), and for which the Town may

be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”), are necessary architectural and preliminary expenses within the meaning of the votes of the Town passed June 26, 2006 (Article 1) and September 19, 2006 (together, the “Votes”), and that such expenses are to be financed with a \$1,800,000 portion of the proceeds of the \$199,000,000 borrowing authorized by said Votes.

Further Voted: that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Plymouth incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Plymouth, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Plymouth and the MSBA.

Further Voted: that it is hereby determined in accordance with the Votes that, based on correspondence and other communications with representatives from the MSBA, that the Board expects that the Project will receive approval by the MSBA for a feasibility study grant relating to the eligible costs of the Project.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.”

PROPOSED ALTERATION TO LEASED PROPERTY ON BEACH

SANDRA COTTI D/B/A SANDY’S AT THE BEACH, PLYMOUTH BEACH (OFF WARREN AVENUE)

Attorney Ed Angley appeared before the Board on behalf of Sandra Cotti, operator of Sandi’s at Plymouth Beach. Ms. Cotti, he explained, seeks to alter the property that she leases from the Town by expanding the bar area of the establishment. Mr. Angley indicated that Ms. Cotti proposes to install a new, extended canopy over an existing 16x16-foot cement slab adjacent to the current dining area, under which the bar can be enlarged for more seating.

Attorney Angley told the Board that many of Ms. Cotti’s customers wish to sit at the bar because of the view over the beach. There have been no adverse incidents at the establishment, he said, as Ms. Cotti closes the establishment early and keeps a close eye on the service of alcohol to her customers. The proposed extension of the bar area, he noted, would still fall within the footprint of Ms. Cotti’s leased premises.

Selectman Mahoney inquired whether the Town—or the lessee—would be responsible for funding any necessary upgrades to the septic system at the beach, as a result of the additional seating at the (proposed) expanded bar. Ms. Arrighi responded that she would have to review the lease agreement, to determine which party would be responsible for upgrading the septic system.

In response to question from Selectman Mahoney, Attorney Angley displayed a plan of the proposed expansion to the Selectmen, to illustrate the way by which the bar would be enlarged.

Chairman Muratore opened the discussion to public comment.

Joan Killian of Rocky Hill Road, who identified herself as a frequent customer of Sandy's at the Beach, encouraged the Board to allow the expansion of the bar, as she has observed that there are many customers who prefer the bar seating at the establishment.

Kate Kelly advocated for the expansion of the bar area at Sandy's at the Beach, as there are many older customers of the establishment—such as her husband—who find it physically easier to sit upon the higher bar seating. Ms. Kelly stated her opinion that the atmosphere at Sandy's is pleasant and devoid of problems.

Following the close of public comment, Elizabeth Sullivan, the Special Assistant to the Town Manager, indicated that Ms. Cotti's proposal was circulated to several relevant Town departments, for comments. Both the Building and Conservation departments, she noted, have responded that Ms. Cotti's expansion proposal would require the typical zoning and septic permits. Ms. Sullivan confirmed that the lease between the Town and Ms. Cotti names the lessee as the party responsible for all utilities serving the premises. Before a lessee can proceed with filing for such permits, she explained, the lessee must first seek preliminary approval from the Selectmen for any exterior alterations proposed to the leased premises. Once the lessee has subsequently acquired all necessary permits to proceed, she added, the lessee then returns before the Selectmen to acquire final approval.

Ms. Arrighi offered her recommendation to the Selectmen that they vote to authorize Ms. Cotti (as lessee) to proceed with the filing of necessary permit applications for the proposed expansion of her leased premises, subject to further review and final approval by the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board authorized Sandra Cotti (as lessee) to proceed with the filing of necessary permit applications for the proposed expansion of her leased premises at Plymouth Beach, subject to further review and approval by the Board of Selectmen. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

UPDATE ON COALITION OF NUCLEAR COMMUNITIES

Vice Chairman Brewster introduced a presentation from the podium on the Town's efforts to form a Coalition of Nuclear Communities. Vice Chairman Brewster recounted her efforts in July of 2012 establish a coalition of nuclear host communities that could advocate—on a more commanding, nationwide scale—for the implementation of comprehensive and robust safety measures at nuclear power plants. Following a year's worth of effort to establish the Coalition of Nuclear Communities (“the Coalition”), she said, it is time to review progress and discuss the next steps.

Vice Chairman Brewster turned the presentation over to Elizabeth Sullivan, Special Assistant to the Town Manager, who has been coordinating communication between the Town and other nuclear host communities on behalf of the Coalition. Ms. Sullivan provided a brief review of the reasons behind the formation of the Coalition, stemming from the federal government's unrealized promise to provide a national repository for spent nuclear fuel.

Ms. Sullivan reported that more than 65,000 metric tons of high-level nuclear waste are stored—75% in cooling pools and 25% in dry cask storage—at nuclear facilities located within 64 communities throughout the nation, she reported. On-site storage of spent fuel was intended to be temporary, she noted, until the federal government could complete a centralized protective repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. In 2009, however, the Obama Administration canceled plans to construct the repository at Yucca Mountain and formed a Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future in 2010.

Ms. Sullivan reviewed the goals of the Coalition:

- To pass federal legislation amending the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to allow taxpayer money in the Nuclear Waste Fund to be used to fund the immediate construction of local, on-site dry cask storage units in all nuclear power plants across the country who request said funding
- To persuade the NRC to change its current risk assessment that there is no difference in safety risk between storing spent fuel rods in dry cask or pools to a recommendation that spent fuel rods older than five years should be placed in dry cask storage to enhance security and safety at nuclear power plants
- To ensure that ALL cooled spent fuel rods are placed into dry cask storage within years and NOT decades as proposed by the Blue Ribbon Commission on American Nuclear Future
- To support long-term used-fuel storage solutions to permanently remove spent fuel rods from local, on-site storage

Vice Chairman Brewster resumed the presentation with an overview of the federal government's policies on the storage of nuclear fuel. Nuclear power plants, she explained, were constructed with the stipulation (under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982) that the federal government would provide permanent storage of spent nuclear fuel at a nationally-managed facility. Yucca Mountain in Nevada was identified as a location for the repository, which was slated to be complete and ready to accept fuel in 1998. Plans for the facility, however, languished beyond the 1998 deadline and were since canceled under the Obama Administration in 2009.

In 2011, Vice Chairman Brewster indicated, the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future reported that the design and construction of a national nuclear waste repository would take decades to complete, despite the determination of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") that the fuel pools of the nation's nuclear facilities

would reach maximum capacity by 2015. The fuel pool at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station is already overcrowded, she said, to the point that Entergy (owner of Pilgrim) is in the process of relocating 75 spent nuclear rods from its storage pool into dry-cask storage, so that it can create room in the storage pool for new assemblies.

Vice Chairman Brewster informed the Board of a ruling issued by the United States Court of Appeals on June 8, 2012 that addressed deficiencies in the NRC's policies on the storage of nuclear waste. Entergy/Pilgrim, she noted, was the last power plant granted a license extension before the ruling was issued. Vice Chairman Brewster then discussed Senate Bill 3469, also known as the Nuclear Waste Administration Act of 2013, which was basically intended to codify the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future. The legislation, she explained, establishes a new, independent agency to manage nuclear waste (in place of the U.S. Department of Energy) that will be funded by fees collected through utility companies, while setting a goal for the completion of a federal storage facility by 2048.

Vice Chairman Brewster resumed her PowerPoint presentation with a review of the NRC's 2013 study on spent fuel pools. The study, which was undertaken following the catastrophic events at the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Nuclear Power Facility in March of 2011, analyzed whether the relocation of spent nuclear fuel from cooling pools to dry cask storage containers would reduce the risk to public safety. The NRC, she said, concluded in its study that the relocation of fuel from cooling pools to dry cask storage would not provide a "substantial safety enhancement."

On August 13, 2013, Vice Chairman Brewster reported, the U.S. Court of Appeals issued a Writ of Mandamus that commands the NRC to consider the Department of Energy's license application to store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The Court, she said, ruled that the Executive Branch of government has no authority to disregard congressional mandates based on policy disagreements with the law in question.

Vice Chairman Brewster briefly discussed the NRC's Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("GEIS"), a 500+ page report issued in September 2013 that basically states the NRC's position that spent fuel can be stored safely at nuclear generation facilities for 60 years after decommissioning.

Ms. Sullivan resumed the presentation with a review of the activities that she and Vice Chairman Brewster have undertaken, to-date, on behalf of the Coalition. After conducting a good deal of research to identify each individual nuclear host community—as well as the form of government under which each of the communities operate (i.e. some fall under county forms of government)—Ms. Sullivan reported that she issued a letter to each of the 64 communities across the country that host at least one nuclear reactor. A website, she said, was created to provide information and reference materials on the mission and goals of the Coalition, and letters were issued to Plymouth's state and federal legislators. Following months of outreach to each community within the country, Ms. Sullivan indicated, the city of Southport, North Carolina was the one community that joined the Coalition.

Ms. Sullivan displayed a map detailing the location of all of the nuclear host communities in the nation, each of which she contacted on behalf of the Coalition. Ms. Sullivan discussed the some of the reactions and feedback that she received when reaching out to the various reactor host communities:

- Most municipal and county officials were hesitant of joining Coalition because of fears of impacting plant negotiations in respective communities
- Some thought there was a fee for membership; this concern was alleviated from education by staff
- In general, communities did not feel the same sense of urgency over the problem; this was especially true within those towns/cities with a county-based government
- Most of the communities do not have active anti-nuclear citizen groups
- Each community has different issues, and thus, many felt that the Coalition’s vision needs to be universal for all towns
- Many local officials contacted did not have a problem with their local reactor operator’s plans to implement dry cask storage
- Although the Coalition of Nuclear Communities is Town sponsored, some officials across the country seemed to misunderstand and believe that the Coalition is a non-profit group against nuclear power

Vice Chairman Brewster reviewed a list of subsequent recommendations and actions items upon which the Town and the Coalition could pursue. The general ambivalence and lack of response from other communities on the topic of spent nuclear waste was disappointing, she said, but the Coalition can work further to determine what the universal concerns are amongst the nation’s host communities. Based on the amount of work that must be done to remain informed on the topic—as well as the amount of outreach that must be done to continue communication with the nation’s 64 host communities—Vice Chairman Brewster indicated that she would like to ask the members of the Town’s Nuclear Matters Committee (“NMC”) if they would be willing to establish a subcommittee that could assist with Coalition matters. As an alternative to establishing a NMC subcommittee, she suggested, the Board could consider establishing a citizens committee to assist with the work of the Coalition.

An important next step for the Coalition, Vice Chairman Brewster said, is the development of a communication strategy to continue to lobby state and congressional leaders to advocate for the safe handling and disposal of nuclear waste. In addition, she recommended, the Town could consider requesting a Payment in Lieu of Tax (“PILOT”) Agreement from the U.S. Department of Energy (or the new, independent governmental agency created by the Nuclear Waste Administration Act of 2013) to compensate the Town for being a “defacto” and “temporary” nuclear waste storage facility. The issue of what to do with America’s nuclear waste is growing worse each year, she said, due to the continued stalling and fighting amongst the nation’s legislators in Washington, D.C.

Vice Chairman Brewster responded to questions and comments from the Board. With regard to the lack of response from other host communities, Vice Chairman Brewster acknowledged that several of the host communities that were contacted did express concerns, but many simply appeared to have little motivation to act. Congressman Keating is very supportive of the Coalition's mission, she said, but until he can garner support from his congressional counterparts, he cannot make progress alone.

Selectman Tavares advocated for face-to-face meetings with Plymouth's federal legislators, because the problem, he said, exists at the federal level. While it may be easy for citizens to lay blame with reactor operators, he said, it is the NRC that regulates the safe operation of nuclear power facilities. As a host community, Selectman Tavares explained, Plymouth was promised that the federal government would manage the long-term storage of spent nuclear waste, but the Town is now being asked to wait another 48 years for the completion of a federal repository. It is time, he noted, to demand a face-to-face meeting with legislators and let them know that the NRC is not listening to the nation's host communities.

Chairman Muratore informed the public that Entergy is scheduled to provide a presentation to the Selectmen on October 8, 2013 about its plans to construct an on-site dry-cask storage facility. A representative of Congressman Keating's office will attend the presentation, he noted.

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Vice Chairman Brewster, the Board voted to request a face-to-face meeting with Plymouth's U.S. senators, U.S. congressman, Governor Patrick, and state legislative delegation to discuss the issue of spent fuel. Voted 5-0-0, approved. Chairman Muratore requested that staff invite the aforementioned officials to Entergy's October 8th presentation.

Selectman Mahoney thanked Vice Chairman Brewster for her work upon forming the Coalition and for shining a light on the issue of spent nuclear fuel storage. The Town must also consider how it will address major tax revenue reductions when Pilgrim is decommissioned. A recent article in the Boston Globe, he reported, underscored the severe economic challenges that the community of Wiscasset, Maine has faced, since the closure of the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

Selectman Provenzano offered his observation that it is not new legislation, but, rather, enforcement of current legislation, that is needed to address the issue of long-term storage of spent nuclear fuel—the issue that the U.S. Court of Appeals seeks to address within the Writ of Mandamus that it handed down in August of 2013. Though Massachusetts' legislators may be well-meaning, he said, it should be acknowledged that the Majority Leader in the U.S. Senate has worked to stop the Yucca Mountain project in his home state of Nevada. One hundred years of nuclear waste storage in the Town of Plymouth is too long, Selectman Provenzano stated.

At the close of the discussion, Chairman Muratore asked Selectman Mahoney to bring Vice Chairman Brewster's recommendation back to the Nuclear Matters Committee.

Selectman Mahoney noted that the members of the NMC will attend the October 8th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Burial Hill – Selectman Mahoney noted a recent visit he made to Burial Hill, where he observed the work that Parks Superintendent Ted Bubbins is coordinating with contractors to prune and preserve some of the trees and vegetation within the historic burying ground.

Volunteer Service Awards – Vice Chairman Brewster informed the Board of her plans to attend the President’s Volunteer Service Awards ceremony to be held on September 26, 2013. The event, which is hosted by Mayflower RSVP, honors local citizens who have volunteered at least 4,000 hours of their time for the benefit of their community.

Tourism Cares Volunteer Project – Vice Chairman Brewster reminded the public that the volunteers of Tourism Cares for America will arrive in Plymouth, this week, to work on a number of improvement projects at Plymouth’s tourist attractions, including Plimoth Plantation and Burial Hill. She thanked the staff of Plimoth Plantation for their work in securing the services of Tourism Cares for America.

Chapter 61 Lands / Notice of Intent to Convert – Assistant Town Manager Mike Galla provided the Board with a brief update on the status of 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 reported that, at this time, the property owner and the Town have each submitted their choices for appraisal services. It is the hope, he said, that both parties will narrow their choices down to one selected appraisal firm.

Liquor License Violation – Chairman Muratore referenced a letter that the Board received from Police Chief Michael Botieri regarding a liquor license violation at The Full Sail (47 Court Street). Ms. Arrighi explained that the violation was serious enough for the Police Chief to bring this matter to the Board’s attention. The Board, Ms. Arrighi said, has two options: (1) ask the licensee to appear for a violation hearing, or (2) issue a strong letter of warning (since this is the licensee’s first violation), noting that any further infractions will trigger an automatic license hearing.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to send a letter of warning to The Full Sail, 47 Court Street, as recommended by the Town Manager. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Evening Activities at the Council on Aging – Chairman Muratore indicated that a senior contacted him to inquire why the Council on Aging (“COA”) does not schedule a sufficient number of evening activities at the Senior Center. The COA, Chairman Muratore explained, previously scheduled activities at the center at night, but that practice has since changed, as a result of issues involving the employee union. Chairman Muratore

asked the Town Manager if she could work on resolving the issues, so that a schedule of evening activities could return at the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Vice Chairman Brewster, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the September 24, 2013 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.