

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

Present: Mathew J. Muratore, Chairman
John T. Mahoney, Jr.
Kenneth A. Tavares
Anthony F. Provenzano

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

Absent: Belinda A. Brewster, Vice Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Muratore called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Paintings – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi reported that she recently met with local resident David Kindy to discuss the potential donation of two very old paintings that were recovered from Christ Church in Plymouth. The paintings—portraits of Robert Hall (a former State Senator and abolitionist) and his wife, both of Plymouth—are in poor condition, Ms. Arrighi explained, but Senate President Therese Murray's office has expressed an interest in finding state funds to help restore them. Ms. Arrighi noted that she will be meeting with representatives of Christ Church to discuss the loan of the portraits (once restored) to the Town for public display.

Sunrise in Plymouth / Old Colony Memorial – Ms. Arrighi informed the Board and the public that Old Colony Memorial Reporter Frank Mand is planning to conclude his year-long quest of taking sunrise photographs throughout Plymouth with a final, 365th picture on the last day of the year (December 31st). Since the first photo of the sun rising over Ellisville State Park on January 1, 2013, she indicated, the photographs have attracted a large audience, both nationally and internationally. Ms. Arrighi encouraged the Selectmen and the Town's employees to consider participating in Mr. Mand's 365th sunrise photograph on December 31st.

Frank Mand addressed the Board to provide additional details about the project and his plans for the last sunrise photo. Though he has not yet fully secured permission, Mr. Mand expressed his hope that Plimoth Plantation will allow him to use the living museum as the backdrop to the final sunrise photograph. Mr. Mand specifically asked that Plymouth's elected, civic, educational, and social service leaders consider participating in the event.

Petition Regarding Morton Park – Ms. Arrighi noted that she recently held a meeting with a group of residents from the Morton Park area to discuss the use, preservation, and continued oversight of Morton Park. In the past few years, she explained, the Town has implemented changes in the rules governing—and fees associated with—entry to and use of the park, including the installation of gates to prevent vehicular entry into the remote sections of the recreation area (in order to reduce vandalism and dumping). During the meeting with the neighborhood group, Ms. Arrighi indicated, neighbors expressed concerns about excessive trash, loud music, public drinking, and the use of open cook fires at the park. As such, she said, the neighbors are contemplating the submission of a petition to the Selectmen that will request additional funding for increased enforcement (both Police and Natural Resources warden presence) during peak season at Morton Park. In addition, the neighbors may propose a change to the Town's bylaws that would prohibit all outdoor cooking anywhere within the recreation area. Ms. Arrighi informed the Board that she has asked the Police Chief, Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs, Recreation Director, and Parks Superintendent to each provide a response to the neighborhood group's concerns and recommendations.

Samoset Street Sewer Main Project – Ms. Arrighi reported that the Department of Public Works will begin a sewer lining project on Samoset Street, on the section between Royal Street and Court Street. This project, she explained, will focus on the repair of the existing sewer pipe without disturbance to the roadway surface. There will, however, be associated traffic delays and detours whilst the DPW strives to complete the project by Friday, November 1, 2013, Ms. Arrighi noted.

COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Eagle Scout Court of Honor – Selectman Tavares was pleased to report that he represented the Board of Selectmen at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held in recognition of Sean Robert Brady on October 20, 2013. The newly-promoted Eagle Scout, he said, conducted a trail improvement project for the Wildlands Trust.

Distinguished Visitors Committee – Selectman Tavares indicated that he attended the October 23, 2013 meeting of the Distinguished Visitors Committee ("DVC"), at which the group discussed the development of its mission statement and policies on official visits. It is important to note, he said, that a visit should not be considered official unless the Board of Selectmen issues an invitation. In consideration of the limits of the DVC's budget, Selectman Tavares noted his belief that it is imperative to define the qualifying

characteristics of an official visit or trip, especially as the Town approaches its 400th Anniversary.

Traffic Signal at Samoset Street and Plymouth Mobile Home Estates – Selectman Tavares noted that he participated in a meeting held between Town staff and representatives from Plymouth Mobile Home Estates to discuss the signalization of the intersection of Pilgrim Trail and Samoset Street. It was good, he said, to have an informative meeting with the Public Works Director and representatives of Plymouth Mobile Home Estates about the obstacles that the Town has encountered with this particular project, over the years since it was first proposed.

Visit from City Council Members of Plymouth, UK – Chairman Muratore noted that he and Vice Chairman Brewster recently met with a member of the City Council of Plymouth, United Kingdom to discuss the strengthening of the twin city relationship and the collaborative efforts of both communities on plans for the 400th Anniversary Celebration in 2020.

School Department Solar Project – Chairman Muratore indicated that he attended the October 29th (morning) ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Plymouth Public School District’s solar energy project in Plympton. The project, he said, is estimated to save the School Department \$350,000 per year in energy costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Everett Malaguti, Town Meeting Representative from Precinct 1, reported that many of his Town Meeting colleagues appear to have rejected the proposed changes to Plymouth’s wind energy zoning bylaws because they either did not have enough information or they felt the language was too restrictive. Mr. Malaguti encouraged Plymouth’s citizens to attend the Energy Committee’s meetings—generally held on the first Wednesday of the month—to learn more about wind energy, participate in discussions, and share concerns.

LICENSES

CHANGE OF D/B/A (LIQUOR LICENSE)

On a motion by Selectman Tavares, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to grant a Change of D/B/A to the following holder of an All Alcohol Package Store License, as detailed, below. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Roger’s Super Market, Inc.**, 736 State Road – Change of D/B/A from “Luke’s Super Liquors” to “Luke’s Liquors”

VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR (NEW)

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

❖ **For Pilgrim Taxi**, 109 Sandwich Street, Jeffrey Peterson

- Robert Risner (46 Kristen Road, Plymouth)

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

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE*

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

- ❖ **Tressah Marra** (1206 Washington Street, E. Weymouth) requested a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for a reception to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall on November 30, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Meeting Minutes – The Board approved the minutes of the September 3, 2013 Selectmen’s Meeting.

Changes to Parking Time Limits on Portion of Standish Avenue – The Board voted to amend the *Town of Plymouth 1954 Traffic Rules and Orders*, as detailed, below:

- 1) Remove the following description from Article V, Section 25, “Time Limited in Designated Places – One (1) Hour Parking”:

Standish Avenue, Westerly side from Peck Avenue to Savery Avenue
Standish Avenue, Westerly side, one space in front of 210½ Standish Avenue

- 2) Add the following description to Article V. Section 26, “Time Limited in Designated Places – Two (2) Hour Parking”:

Standish Avenue, Westerly side from Peck Avenue to Savery Avenue
Standish Avenue, Westerly side, one space in front of 210½ Standish Avenue

Memorandum of Agreement with Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation –

The Board approved a *Memorandum of Agreement* between the Town and the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation, reflecting a ten (10) year extension of the term of the agreement, from its current expiration date of October 30, 2013 through a new expiration date of October 30, 2023.

Revenue Idea Task Force – The Board voted to (a) add two citizen-at-large seats to the Revenue Idea Task Force and extend the deadline for applications to accommodate additional interest in the committee; and (b) appoint the following citizens and designees to serve on the Revenue Idea Task Force, for terms effective through June 30, 2014 (to be renewed/extended, as necessary):

- Mary Waltuch Designee of the School Committee
- Linda Benezra Advisory & Finance Committee
- Michael Duffley Advisory & Finance Committee
- Christine Pratt Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation
- Karen Buechs Committee of Precinct Chairs
- Mary Byron Citizen-At-Large
- Anita Hadley Citizen-At-Large
- Benjamin Husted Citizen-At-Large
- Steven Lydon Citizen-At-Large

[Note: Belinda Brewster has already been appointed as the designee of the Board of Selectmen, and Everett Malaguti III has already been appointed as a citizen-at-large.]

Updates to Fee Schedule and Process for Special Event Permits – The Board considered the approval and implementation of an updated process and fee schedule for Special Event Permits, as recommended by the Office of Planning & Development.

Selectman Tavares expressed concern about the proposal to charge a \$30 application fee to non-profit organizations for Special Event Permits, when these events are generally produced for the benefit of the community.

Ms. Arrighi acknowledged the inherent reluctance to charge non-profit organizations a fee for Special Event Permits, but these events, she said, require a great deal of staff time. The Board, she said, has a policy by which it does not waive fees for any Town services for non-profits. After much discussion amongst staff, Ms. Arrighi explained, a fee of \$30 seemed sensible, and if there are organizations that cannot afford the fee, staff would be willing to meet internally to help the organization find donations to cover the expense. Ms. Arrighi referenced a list of non-profit organizations (compiled by the Office of Planning and Development and provided in the Board’s meeting packets) that would be affected by the proposed permit fee.

Selectman Tavares reiterated his position that the Town should not charge non-profits \$30 for a Special Event Permit. The remainder of the changes submitted by the Office of Planning & Development seems to be in order, he said, but the \$30 fee is inappropriate.

Ms. Arrighi sought to clarify how the Board wished to address the proposed distinction between permit applications for walk/run/bicycle events (a sliding scale fee, based on the timing of the submission of the application) and all other types of events (the flat \$30 fee).

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning & Development, noted that it may be difficult to distinguish for-profits from non-profits with walk/run/bicycle permit applications, because in many cases, a for-profit race group will organize the event for the benefit of a non-profit. Mr. Hartmann stated his belief that it may be best to apply his department's proposed fee for walk/run/bicycle events—which require a great deal of staff time—regardless of for-profit/non-profit status, while the proposed \$30 fee for all other types of events could be waived for non-profits.

Chairman Muratore asked Mr. Hartmann if non-profit organizations are required to provide documentation of their non-profit status to the Office of Planning & Development (included in the Selectmen's meeting packets), to which Mr. Hartmann responded in the affirmative.

In response to the proposal brought forth by the Office of Planning & Development to update the process and fee schedule for Special Event Permits, Selectman Tavares made a motion to eliminate the \$30 application fee for Special Event Permits for non-profits. Selectman Provenzano seconded the motion.

Selectman Mahoney asked Selectman Tavares to affirm that his motion related only to the proposed \$30 fee for events other than walks/runs/bicycle races. Selectman Tavares confirmed that Selectman Mahoney understood the motion correctly.

At the close of discussion on the motion, the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: FARMER/BREWERY POURING PERMIT

Chairman Muratore opened a public hearing to consider an application for a Farmer-Brewery Pouring Permit from Mayflower Brewing Company LLC, 12 Resnik Road, Andrew Brosseau as Manager. Prior to commencing the hearing, Chairman Muratore read a description of the associated premises and affirmed that notice of the hearing was given to the public in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Drew Brosseau, owner of Mayflower Brewing Company, explained to the Board that the company has offered tastings of its products during tours of the brewery at 12 Resnik Road for a number of years. The Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission ("ABCC") recently clarified its regulations with regard to brewery tastings, he said, and, thus, the company must file for the newly-created Farmer-Brewery Pouring Permit. Mr. Brosseau stated to the Board that he and his business partners have no interest in operating a bar. He noted that he has suspended tastings at the facility until the permit is officially issued.

In response to an inquiry from Selectman Provenzano, Mr. Brosseau clarified that the company offers tastings at the facility during tours of the brewery and meetings with prospective distributors.

Chairman Muratore opened the hearing to public comment. Seeing none, he closed the hearing to await a motion of the Board.

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Tavares, the Board voted to grant a Farmer-Brewery Pouring Permit to Mayflower Brewing Company LLC, 12 Resnik Road, as requested within the permit application. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

COUNCIL ON AGING – UPDATE ON ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Conni DiLego, Director of Plymouth’s Council on Aging (“COA”), provided the Board with a presentation on the COA’s efforts to be designated as an accredited facility. Ms. DiLego explained to the Board that senior centers across the nation are, as a whole, becoming more modernized and expansive in service provision. The COA—which will celebrate its 40th anniversary on December 6, 2013—has chosen to pursue accreditation status, which will bring a level of excellence to the programs and services that the COA provides to Plymouth’s seniors.

Ms. DiLego read the COA’s mission statement:

“To provide our community with a safe, trusted, physical and virtual environment where information and access to programs and services foster a healthy and vital lifestyle throughout the aging process.”

The COA began the accreditation process in 2011, Ms. DiLego reported, at which time volunteers were recruited to serve on subcommittees. The Project Manager for the application for accreditation, Deb Casey, and the chairperson of the COA, Deb Phillips, have been instrumental in leading the COA through the accreditation process, she noted. Ms. DiLego displayed the table of contents from the accreditation “review notebook” to outline the various tasks that must be completed as part of process, including the development of policies, organizational charts, job descriptions, evaluation plans, and statistical reporting systems, etc.

Ms. DiLego reported that the COA completed and mailed its Document Review Notebook to the National Board of Accreditation on October 13, 2013. The process was very involved, she explained, requiring a great deal of statistical reports, paperwork, and policy development. The Friends of the Council on Aging helped to fund the costs associated with pursuing accreditation status, she noted, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs was very supportive throughout the application process. At the close of her presentation, Ms. DiLego stated that she would inform the Board of any further news related to the accreditation process or approval of the COA’s application.

Ms. DiLego responded to some brief questions and comments from the Board.

Chairman Muratore thanked and commended Ms. DiLego, the staff and volunteers at the COA, the COA's volunteer board of directors, and the members of the Friends of the COA for their collaborative efforts to establish Plymouth's senior center as a model program. The Town, he said, must not take for granted what Plymouth's volunteer committee members provide for the community.

PRESENTATION ON PLYMOUTH'S AQUIFER OVERLAY DISTRICT

Lee Hartmann, Director of Planning & Development, introduced a PowerPoint presentation on the zoning regulations that protect Plymouth's aquifer. Mr. Hartmann provided an explanation of way by which the water cycle works—from evaporation up into the atmosphere, precipitation down from the rain cloud, and through the soil into the aquifer. With regard to the Town's well sites and aquifer, he reported, the Town must establish regulated zones to protect the quality of the water. Mr. Hartmann defined the zones as follows:

- Zone I – a 400-foot radius (11.5 Acres) around all of the Town's well sites (11 total) where no uses of the land are allowed
- Zone II – the area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can realistically be anticipated; this assumes 180 days of pumping at maximum approved yield with no recharge from precipitation
- Zone III - the land area beyond the area of Zone II from which surface water and groundwater drain into Zone II

Mr. Hartmann informed the Board that Plymouth's Aquifer Protection Bylaw, enacted in 1981, was one of the first such bylaws in Massachusetts. The Town has since amended and approved the bylaw in 1986, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1999, and, most recently, in 2011.

Mr. Hartmann displayed maps to illustrate the locations of the Town's Zone I, Zone II, and Zone III aquifer protection areas, including an overlay map comparing the location of the Town's commercial zones to the Zone II protection areas. Utilizing the maps, Mr. Hartmann pointed out the North Plymouth commercial zone where portions of the Colony Place retail development and Industrial Park are situated directly over a Zone II area. Additionally, he explained, there are a number of residential developments which utilize septic systems that fall within—or in close proximity to—Zone II areas. Commercial enterprises, Mr. Hartmann stated, are not the only uses that can have an adverse effect upon the Town's wells.

Mr. Hartmann informed the Board that Zone II areas are not use-free zones; while a number of uses are prohibited within Zone II areas, a number of uses are allowed, some through special permit. Plymouth's bylaw, he said, seeks to prevent wastewater from entering the ground and require the treatment of drainage. The bylaw, he said, establishes 16 types of prohibited uses and 20 uses requiring a Special Permit within Zone II areas.

The uses allowed by Special Permit, he explained, generally require some sort of regulatory monitoring and maintenance to protect the use from having any potential adverse effect upon the aquifer. Mr. Hartmann listed a number of examples of prohibited uses within Zone II areas, including junk yards, car washes, dry cleaning services, storage of more than 5,000 gallons of fuel, and vehicle repair facilities.

Rich Tierney, Water Superintendent, resumed the presentation with detailed information on the Town's public water system. Plymouth's Water Division, operating under the Department of Public Works ("DPW"), is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Town's:

- 11 wells
- 10 tanks
- 4 booster pump stations
- 6 pressure zones
- 200 miles of water mains
- 14,000 service connections
- 2 inactive emergency surface water supplies

Mr. Tierney reported that, in 2012, the Town pumped and treated 1.5 billion gallons of water through a system that services approximately 40,000 residents. He provided detailed information on each of the Town's municipal well sites and the areas of Town served by each well / pressure zone, noting that the South Pond 1 and 2 well sites have served as part of the Town's well supply since 1855. The Town, he explained, has the capacity to 'float' water pressure zones through the use of booster pumping stations, in the event that a tank is taken offline for service or emergency repair.

Mr. Tierney reviewed a list of six key issues and/or concerns that the DPW has identified with respect to the protection of Plymouth's Zone II areas:

- The effect of impervious surfaces on the recharge of the aquifer
- The distance of septic systems or wastewater discharge to drinking water sources
- Nutrient load (nitrogen, phosphorous, etc.)
- Stormwater management
- Long-term water quality monitoring to identify threats
- The implementation of measures to reduce salt applications on roadways near water supplies

Mr. Tierney closed the presentation with a review of the current and future issues upon which the DPW is focusing with regard to the Town's public water supply. Plymouth's residents, he said, should be pleased to know that the Town's water system is drawn from high-quality water sources and delivered through a well-managed and efficient system. Mr. Tierney indicated that the Water Division will continue to monitor the Bradford, North Plymouth, and West Plymouth zones to identify and address any adverse effects upon water quality from commercial and residential development. In addition, he said, the Division will continue to identify and pursue new well sites to address future demands upon the public water supply.

Mr. Tierney, Mr. Hartmann, and Jonathan Beder (Director of Public Works) responded to questions and comments from the Board regarding the Town's water system and supply; the effect of commercial development upon the Town's Zone II areas; and the draw upon Plymouth's aquifer by private water systems (The Pinehills, Ponds of Plymouth, etc.). During the discussion, Mr. Beder stressed the importance of protecting Plymouth's aquifer and maintaining the Town's public water delivery infrastructure.

Chairman Muratore opened the discussion to public comment.

John Joseph of Kathleen Drive noted his concerns about the effect that a large-scale, Chapter 40B development (planned for the area beyond the end of Kathleen Drive) could have upon a future well zone that exists in the direct vicinity of the project site. Mr. Joseph speculated whether the Town is moving its focus from "water quality" to "water supply," noting his belief that a failure of the proposed project's septic system could effectively destroy the well site's viability as a public water supply.

Wanda Jane Warmack of Kathleen Drive echoed Mr. Joseph's concerns about the Chapter 40B housing project planned for the area west of Kathleen Drive. According to the Horsley-Whitten Group's study on the Town's water supply, she said, the "Briggs" well site has the potential to provide the best quality of water in all of Plymouth County. Ms. Warmack encouraged the Town to purchase the site and protect the well for the good of the public.

Pete Stearns, an owner of property near the (aforementioned) Chapter 40B project, encouraged the Town to closely monitor the wastewater discharge permit for the project.

At the close of public comment, Chairman Muratore thanked Mr. Hartmann and Mr. Tierney for their presentation and their proactive efforts to protect the Town's water supply.

Chairman Muratore called for a brief recess at 9:00 p.m.

PLYMOUTH TRANSPORTATION & VISITOR CENTER

Leighton Price, president of the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation ("PGDC"), introduced a presentation on the proposed plans for the Plymouth Transportation & Visitors Center project. Mr. Price was accompanied by Jonathan McCredie of Fennick/McCredie Architects, Frank Gay of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Transit Authority ("GATRA"), Alan Zanotti of the PGDC, and John Burke, Operations Manager for the PGDC.

The project, Mr. Price explained, is a joint undertaking of the Town, PGDC, and GATRA. The PGDC has a responsibility to increase visitor access to downtown Plymouth, he said, and the transportation center project supports that goal. Mr. Price noted that the site selection study and preliminary architectural design has been primarily funded by federal

dollars. In order to complete the project, he indicated, the PGDC will be seeking substantial federal and state money. Mr. Price stated that the PGDC will not ask the Town or Plymouth's taxpayers to take on the burden of funding the Transportation & Visitor Center.

Architect Jonathan McCredie of Fennick/McCredie Architects provided a presentation on the preliminary design of the Transportation & Visitor Center. Mr. McCredie reviewed a history and timetable of the evolution of the project, from the identification of goals and objectives to the current conceptual project design. He displayed overview maps of the downtown/waterfront district to illustrate the connectivity and traffic flow that the Transportation & Visitor Center will provide/support. The five primary project objectives of the project, he said, have been identified as:

1. Help to address the downtown/waterfront parking shortage
2. Promote alternative transit modes to, from, and within Plymouth
3. Add positive visual character and identity with the area
4. Promote visitor interest and connectivity to both the waterfront and downtown
5. Promote expanded use of Memorial Hall and similar venues

Mr. McCredie displayed site-specific maps of the area between Memorial Drive and Water Street where the Transportation & Visitor Center is proposed, noting the existing conditions and physical constraints of the site. The structure, he explained, will require a minimum width of 120 feet in order to ensure that the garage structure is economical, efficient, and user-friendly for the population that is most likely apt to use the facility: visitors.

Mr. McCredie discussed the study and conceptual design that was presented to the Selectmen by McMahan Transportation Engineers & Planners in the Fall of 2012, noting how further evaluation of the site has determined that the dimensions of the garage must be increased to adequately accommodate the bus transit hub. With regard to the overall net gain of spaces, he explained, he and his colleagues believe that a 400-space target will bring the best value for the project investment, but the elevation necessary to accommodate this number would bring the height of the garage above Memorial Hall. If the footprint of the structure is made larger than what was originally proposed and the use of existing space is maximized, Mr. McCredie indicated, the garage can accommodate more parking spaces without reaching a height that is too imposing for its surroundings.

Mr. McCredie referenced a recommendation within the *2007 Public Space Action Plan* to create a pedestrian-friendly parking structure with an aesthetically pleasing 'wrap' of commercial space around the front of the garage. He displayed a combination of cross-section renderings and aerial-view layouts of the garage to demonstrate the proposed flow of traffic and placement of the bus transit depot within the facility. The first level of the facility, he explained, can be designed to use parking meters, while the second and third levels could be gated off and closed during the off season—a measure that will make the facility more economical to manage.

Mr. McCredie discussed the project budget, estimating the total budget at \$21 million (\$17.5 million for construction costs, \$3.5 million for soft costs). He reviewed the proposed project schedule, noting that the estimated date of completion in 2018 could push the limits of the Town's initial 400th Anniversary events. Mr. McCredie listed a number of next steps within the project schedule and informed the Board that he would return with an updated presentation in February of 2014.

Chairman Muratore opened the presentation to public comment.

Donna Curtin, Executive Director of the Plymouth Antiquarian Society ("PAS"), explained that her organization has a keen interest in the proposed Transportation & Visitor Center project, due to the proximity of the project to the historic Hedge House. Though the idea of a large structure so closely situated to the PAS's headquarters is one that has raised some concerns amongst her membership, she explained, the PAS acknowledges the purpose and importance of the project to the downtown/waterfront district. Ms. Curtin reported that the organization's biggest concern is the design of the structure and the way by which bus traffic flowing in and out of the facility may interfere with pedestrians accessing Memorial Drive. Despite such concerns, Ms. Curtin said, PAS is supportive of the endeavor, in concept.

Everett Malaguti, Town Meeting Member from Precinct 1, stated his opposition to the Transportation & Visitor Center project, based on his belief that the proponents of the project have not evaluated the benefits of utilizing shuttle services between the downtown/waterfront district and existing satellite parking areas. Downtown businesses are struggling, he said, but the proposed parking facility will only serve to draw visitors to the waterfront. Mr. Malaguti expressed concerns about the height of the proposed structure and the way by which the massing of the structure will affect the businesses and attractions abutting the project.

Robert Spencer of Precinct 1 echoed the concerns voiced by Mr. Malaguti, noting his belief that a \$21 million garage is an outrageous expense for a town that has a three-month peak tourism season.

Steve Lydon was pleased to see that the proposed parking facility will incorporate a visitor center. He encouraged the project proponents and designers to ensure that the visitor center is designed to have adequate restroom facilities.

At the close of public comment, Mr. Price, Mr. McCredie, and Mr. Burke (of the PGDC) responded to some brief questions and comments from the Board. Mr. Price explained to the Board that the pursuit of federal funding for the project will require strong support from the Board of Selectmen. It is important, Mr. Price said, that the Selectmen indicate whether they want the project to proceed on its current course.

In response to some brief remaining questions from the Board, Mr. McCredie affirmed that exterior renderings of the proposed project will be provided during the February 2014

presentation to the Selectmen. Mr. Burke discussed the ways by which the PGDC and GATRA intend to seek funding for the project.

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to approve the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation's plans to move forward with the next phase of the proposed Transportation & Visitors Center Project. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

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 he will be meeting with the property owner on October 30, 2013 to review proposals and select an appraisal service to conduct an assessment of the property's value.

Energy Committee / Wind Energy Bylaw Review – Selectman Mahoney noted the Board's recent vote to return the number of seats on the Energy Committee back to its original membership (nine), following the culmination of the committee's review of the Town's wind energy bylaws.

Ms. Arrighi explained that she has not focused her attention on the Town's wind energy bylaws, following the Fall Town Meeting's rejection of the Energy Committee's most recent proposal to modify the zoning language.

Chairman Muratore noted that he would like to see another wind energy bylaw proposal brought forth for the Spring Town Meeting that will strike a compromise on the issue of where wind turbines will be allowed in Plymouth.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 9:55 p.m. Voted 4-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the October 29, 2013 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.