

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

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

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tavares called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Vice Chairman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to enter an Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, as an open meeting on this matter may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Muratore – yes, Mahoney – yes, Provenzano – yes, Page – yes, and Tavares – yes.

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Chairman Tavares reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:55 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to commencing with the evening's agenda, Chairman Tavares noted that the members of Boy Scout Troop 151 of Plymouth were in the audience. The Troop, he explained, attended the Selectmen's meeting as part of earning their Citizenship Badges.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Annual Evaluation and Fiscal Year 2015 Goals – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi referenced a summary she included in the Town Manager's Report of the Selectmen's annual evaluation of her performance. In addition to the evaluation summary, Ms. Arrighi pointed the Board's attention to a list of goals and matters upon which she will focus during Fiscal Year 2015 (and beyond), including: the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project; economic development; expedited permitting; medical marijuana facilities in the Town of Plymouth; the Entergy Payment-In-Lieu-of-Tax ("PILOT") Agreement; public safety and homelessness issues; enhancing public relations between the Town's police force and the community; and others.

Financial Audit – Ms. Arrighi reported that, with the recommendation of the Finance & Advisory Committee's Audit Subcommittee, she is entering a three year, level-funded contract with Powers & Sullivan as the Town's audit firm. The Town, she said, has been pleased with the performance of Powers & Sullivan, and staff is happy to continue this relationship.

Department of Public Works Day – Town Manager Melissa Arrighi reminded the Board and the public that the ninth annual Department of Public Works Day will be held at the Plymouth Public Library on Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 10:00 am. – 2:00 p.m. At the event, she said, the DPW will feature a display of public works equipment in the library parking lot, and, within the library, there will be a display of maps and materials illustrating the Town's public infrastructure. Ms. Arrighi noted that this very popular family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

Splash Pad at Nelson Memorial Park – Ms. Arrighi was pleased to report that the "splash pad" water feature at Nelson Memorial Park has been repaired and will be operational for Memorial Day weekend.

American Legion Post #40 and Royal Canadian Legion – Ms. Arrighi noted that Plymouth's American Legion Post #40 will be formally hosting a visit from the Royal Canadian Legion of Georgetown, Ontario during Memorial day Weekend. As part of a 35 year friendship between the two legions, she said, the Royal Canadian Legion will participate in Plymouth's Memorial Day Parade.

Election Polling Hours – Ms. Arrighi reported back to the Board on a request made by the president of the Firefighters' Union for the adjustment of polling hours during the Town's Annual Elections, to accommodate the firefighters' 24-hour shifts. In speaking with the Town Clerk, she said, it is feasible to modify the polling hours for the Town's elections (which always occur on a Saturday) to a new time frame of 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Ms. Arrighi noted that the hours for weekday elections (for state and federal matters) must remain within the existing timeframe of 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. When the Board considers the warrant for next year's election, she said, it can decide whether it wishes to make the proposed change.

LICENSES

ONE DAY WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE*

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to grant a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to the following applicant, for the event described, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Kimberly English / J. James Auctioneers** (84 Court Street) requested a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for an auction to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 1, 2014 at Memorial Hall. 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.

SPECIAL AUCTIONEER PERMIT (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to grant a Special Auctioneer Permit to the following applicant, for the event described, below. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Joshua Rioux / J. James Auctioneers and Appraisers** – Requested a Special Auctioneer Permit for an auction to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall on July 1, 2014.

PEDI-CAB OPERATOR (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to grant a Pedi-Cab Operator License to the following applicant. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ For **Plymouth Pedi-cab** (4 Freedom Street):
 - Zain Jan, 111 Fitzroy Drive, Hingham

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

KENO

On a motion by Selectman Muratore, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve of the granting of a Keno License to the following establishment. *[Note: The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission will approve a Keno License for the above establishment, unless the Board objects within 21 days of receipt of notice.]*

- ❖ **Mamma Mia's of South Plymouth**, 3 Village Green North

VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATOR (NEW)

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to grant a Vehicle for Hire Operator License to the following applicant. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

- ❖ For **Plimoth Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Mayflower Taxi** (166 Gunner's Exchange)
 - Michael McLeavy (177 Bourne Road)

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

License Agreement for Placement of Sign on Town Property – The Board voted to execute a *License Agreement* between the Town (as licensor) and Resnik Road Common Development Association (as licensee) for the placement of a sign on Town property on Industrial Park Road, in a location adjacent to Parcel ID 103-000-014K-123. The sign will denote the entrance to 144, 146, and 148 Industrial Park Road. Issuance of this license is subject to the acquisition of all required permits for this activity and the satisfaction of all departmental recommendations. No construction work associated with the installation of the sign shall begin until a fully executed *License Agreement* is issued to the licensee.

Acceptance of Donation – The Board voted to accept, with gratitude, the delivery and donation of approximately seven tons of 3/8-round stone, estimated at a value of \$300.00, from P.A. Landers, Inc. of Hanover for use at the Plymouth Animal Shelter's outdoor kennel.

Amendment of Plymouth Beach Parking Permit Policy – The Board voted to amend the Plymouth Beach Parking Permit Policy, as recommended by the Special Assistant to the Town Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Tavares opened the meeting to public comment. No citizens came forth to address the Board.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Tavares opened a discussion to determine the Board's committee assignments / designations for 2014-2015. Chairman Tavares went through the list of committee positions, one-by-one, noting that the assignments would be made by consensus, unless any objections were made.

The Board approved the following list of committee assignments for 2014-2015 (Page 5):

COMMITTEE	DESIGNEE
Capital Improvements Committee	Sean Page
Community Preservation Committee	John Mahoney Jr.
Council on Aging (liaison—not voting member)	Mathew Muratore
Distinguished Visitors Committee	Anthony Provenzano Jr.
Extended Building Committee (PNHS Project)	CHAIR, or designee (Matt Muratore)
GATRA Advisory Board	CHAIR, or designee (Michael Galla)
Industrial / Commercial Land Study Committee	Mathew Muratore Anthony Provenzano Jr.
Insurance Advisory Committee (liaison—not voting member)	Ken Tavares
MBTA Advisory Board	CHAIR, or designee (Liz Sullivan)
Metropolitan Planning Organization	Chair, or Designee (Lee Hartmann)
Nat. Resources / Coastal Beaches (liaison—not voting member)	John Mahoney Jr.
Nuclear Matters Committee (liaison—not voting member)	John Mahoney Jr.
Old Colony Elderly Services	Chair, or Designee (Conni DiLego)
Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee	Chair, or Designee (Sid Kashi)
Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation	CHAIR, or designee (Ken Tavares)
Plymouth County Advisory Board	CHAIR, or designee (Ken Tavares) Alternate: Matt Muratore
Plymouth 400, Inc.	Ken Tavares
Revenue Idea Task Force	Sean Page
Roads Advisory Committee	Anthony Provenzano Jr.
South Shore Community Action Council	CHAIR, or designee (Patrick O'Brien)

At the end of the discussion on committee assignments, Selectman Muratore indicated that he would like to continue serving as Plymouth's representative in discussions with the Town of Kingston regarding economic development along the border between both communities. The Board agreed to maintain the continuity of having Selectman Muratore serve as the Town's designee for these discussions.

COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Downtown Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Vice Chairman Provenzano indicated that he and Chairman Tavares attended a recent meeting of the Downtown Neighborhood Watch, along with Town Manager Melissa Arrighi and Police Chief Michael Botieri. The meeting, he said, was attended by approximately 18 downtown residents and merchants / business owners, who discussed a number of concerns related to the downtown, including crime, noise, graffiti, and litter. Vice Chairman Provenzano reported that, within the

discussion, several of the residents and business owners recommended the installation of security cameras, to identify and prevent criminal and undesirable behavior.

Chairman Tavares stated that he and the Town Manager will reach out to the Plymouth Growth & Development Corporation about the strategic placement of cameras in the Town's public parking lots. It is disheartening, he said, to hear what is going on in the downtown/waterfront area. Chairman Tavares noted that, following the meeting with the Downtown Neighborhood Watch group, he and the Town Manager toured the waterfront to identify areas that need attention.

Water Street Construction Work – Ms. Arrighi acknowledged that waterfront merchants/proprietors have expressed concern about the effect that construction on Water Street may be having on their businesses. A business owner, she said, recently asked her why the Town does not allow double constructions shifts at night, to complete the necessary work within a shorter time frame. The Town, she explained, would have to consider how the noise from the construction work during the evening would affect residents. Ms. Arrighi noted that she would look into whether the Town has previously allowed construction work on public projects during the overnight hours.

Chairman Tavares acknowledged the number of significant and necessary projects that are affecting the flow of traffic in the downtown/waterfront area. The Department of Public Works, he said, is doing the best they can to address all of these projects, some of which include the replacement of water, sewer, and gas lines. Chairman Tavares emphasized the importance of keeping Plymouth's residents informed of all of the Town's projects.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Boy Scout Troop 151 – Chairman Tavares invited the members of Boy Scout Troop 151 to sit at the meeting table with the Board and discuss some of the projects on which they are working to earn their citizenship badges. A lively and pleasant conversation ensued between the Board and the scouts, during which the boys identified the following community issues on which they would focus their citizenship projects: the 1820 Courthouse / Municipal Center Project; the Plymouth North and Plymouth South High School construction projects; the Meals on Wheels program at the Council on Aging; the Town's Municipal Solid Waste program; and public water resources.

The Board commended the members of Boy Scout Troop 151 on their efforts and thanked them for attending the Selectmen's meeting.

Bylaw Amendment Banning Displays of Traveling Animal Exhibits – Vice Chairman Provenzano made note of a recent lawsuit settlement in which the Humane Society of the United States paid millions to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus because of false allegations of elephant abuse. The courts, he explained, found that the Humane Society's allegations were so unfounded that they warranted legal consequences. Vice Chairman Provenzano noted his observation that the presentations made by the Humane Society bore

a striking resemblance to the presentations made by the petitioners of the 2014 Spring Annual Town Meeting Article that banned the display of traveling exotic animal exhibits.

Litter at Highway Interchanges – As a follow up to an inquiry that he made during the May 13, 2014 meeting, Chairman Tavares reported that a letter was issued to Plymouth’s legislative delegation regarding the proliferation of litter along and around the highway interchanges at Route 3. In the letter, he explained, the Town asked Plymouth’s legislative delegation to facilitate the cleaning of these important entrances to town.

Memorial Day Parade – Chairman Tavares reminded the public of the annual Memorial Day Parade that will be held on the morning of Monday, May 26, 2014.

Upcoming Selectmen’s Schedule – Chairman Tavares indicated that the Board would not be meeting on May 27, 2014. For the month of June, he said, the Board will meet weekly, if warranted; and, in July, the Board will not meet on the 8th or the 29th.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. Voted 5-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Tiffany Park, Clerk to the Board of Selectmen

A copy of the May 20, 2014 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s Office.