

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

TOWN HALL, MAYFLOWER ROOM

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the Mayflower Room.

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

 Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
 Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tavares called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Manny Valent

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Arrighi reported that 60 inches of snow fell in Town during the last few weeks. DPW crews have been working since Sunday and the Town has spent well over a million dollars on these events. The Town will need to push back more snow on secondary roads.

Long Beach has had significant damage and Ryder Way is still impassable.

Taylor Avenue – The Town has received complaints about flooding. The Town cannot send crews out during an event to do dredging. Reconstruction of Taylor Avenue would not alleviate flooding since the area is low lying.

Catch Basins – Snow melting might create an issue for catch basins because it might be difficult to handle the water when the snow begins to melt.

LICENSES

ONE DAY WINE AND MALT LIQUOR LICENSE

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to approve a Liquor Closing, as detailed, below. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

- ❖ **Cabbyshack Inc.**, (30 Town Wharf Road) Lisa Brini requested permission to close from February 2, 2015 through the end of March 4, 2015 for maintenance.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Vacate Foreclosure of Map 96, Lot C (Micajahs Pond)

Approve February 3, 2015 Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryle Caputo stated that there is a petition to oppose the cutting of Burial Hill beech trees.

June Gillette stated that the most democratic thing to do was to put out a petition concerning the burial hill tree removal.

Donna Curtin refuted some of the comments in the petition for burial hill trees and clarified the intent.

Kevin Lynch discussed unfunded liabilities.

Everett Malugutti is concerned that there has not been sidewalk clearing close to Hedge School.

Bill Morrow (Falmouth) – If there was a serious event at the plant, then the evacuation plan would not work during the storm. Mr. Morrow would like to see a voluntary shut down for storms.

2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 14 – Transfer Parcel to Conservation Commission

Betsy Hall presented on behalf of the Open Space Committee. The Committee recommends 3 parcels within the David Estates subdivision be conveyed to conservation. This would limit traffic and septic systems if the parcels were to be developed. The West Plymouth Steering Committee voted in favor of this article.

Patrick Farah – The subdivision, when approved did not require a homeowners association. The developer stopped paying taxes on these 3 properties.

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend Article 14 to the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Voted 3-0-0, recommended.

Article 19 – Report of Charter Review Committee

Michael Lincoln – Provided an update on the Charter Review Committee’s work.

No motion No action

Article 29 – Petition by Anthony Schena – Elmer Raymond Play Area

Anthony Schena – Cedarville Steering Committee supports the article. In 2008 the Parks Department identified that the playground would need to be replaced. The playground was removed in 2013. Mr. Schena worked with Ted Bubbins to ensure that the article meets the scope of what Mr. Bubbins was recommending. This is the only playground around Cedarville.

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to recommend Article 29 to the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Voted 3-0-0, recommended.

DISCUSSION ON DRY CASK STORAGE

Jackie Huxton – Longtime resident summarized what will be presented by the residents concerned with Entergy.

Pine DuBois – Jones River Watershed Association (presentation attached)

Discussed climate change impacts. Feels that Entergy needs a site review and update that provides a proper understanding of elevation and setting. Does not feel that the site is properly protected. Would like to have Entergy to conduct a real on site survey.

Mary Lampert (presentation attached)

Spent Fuel is stored in either a Pool or Dry Cask. Solution is to change the policy of Entergy and get the Pool thinned out. Feels that there should be an act establishing a fee for storage of spent nuclear fuel in pools. Casks are safer but do have risk. To avoid risk, stop operation during transfer of spent fuel.

Elaine Dickinson (Harwich) – Another place on the West Coast using whole tech casks? Ms. Lampert answered yes.

Are there casks that are better quality?

Ms. Lampert answered yes. In Germany there are 7ft thick concrete casks. Europe and Japan store the casks vertically in a concrete facility.

Meghan Leahy – Government Affairs for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

February 4th the last of the dry casks were loaded onto the site.

Dave Noyes – Pilgrim Station (presentation attached)

Mr. Noyes detailed the components of the canisters along with the process for transferring the fuel through a transport canister to its storage location.

There would never be an attempt to repair a cask. They would reverse the process and then use another multi-purpose canister. He is unaware of a time when the reverse process has happened.

Suzanne Carpenter (South Dennis) – Will more fuel be moved before the refueling? Mr. Noyes explained that the pool will always have the necessary capacity to unload a cask.

Rob Quick – Shuffling of spent fuel? Mr. Noyes stated yes.

Pine DuBois – What it is like when a storm like Juno hits? Mr. Noyes stated that operators and management were onsite during the storm.

Mary Lampert – Did Entergy do a probability analysis of dropping a cask? Risk Assessment? Mr. Noyes answered that no risk review was completed for a cask drop because the crane was certified.

Meg Sheehan – How much spent fuel will remain on site in dry cask when Entergy stops generating electricity? Mr. Noyes stated that there would be 30 casks with 68 fuel assemblies.

Charles Bramhall – What is the life expectancy of the casks? Mr. Noyes stated the casks are designed for a 100 years of use. The department of energy has the responsibility to accept the fuel.

David Severance – If there was a drop in the reactor would we evacuate Town? Mr. Noyes stated that the decision to evacuate or shelter lies with Plymouth.

Meg Sheehan – Pad could hold 40 casks? 80-90 casks needed...will there be a second pad and where? Mr. Noyes state there has been preliminary siting for a second pad next to the existing pad.

Nuclear Matters Committee – Jim Simpson

Mr. Simpson provided a summary of the operation that he witnessed when they were transferring spent fuel to dry casks.

Selectman Mahoney asked Mary Lampert if she was an advocate for dry cask?

Ms. Lampert stated yes but not with a densely packed pool.

Selectman Tavares would like to see more done at the federal level to address removing the spent fuel.

Selectman Provenzano believes that we are moving the spent fuel to areas on site is a failure of the federal government for a solution of long term storage.

Selectman Mahoney stated we need to get to the State and talk with Governor Baker.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 8:29 p.m. Voted 3-0-0, approved.

Recorded by Michael Galla, Assistant Town Manager

A copy of the February 10, 2015 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.