

~ PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN ~

MONDAY, **FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

COUNCIL ON AGING 44 NOOK RD. PLYMOUTH, MA

The Selectmen held a meeting on Monday, **February 23, 2015** at 6:00p.m at Council on Aging.

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

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tavares called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Arrighi introduced the new selectmen's assistant Annikka Bernabe.

Ms. Arrighi reported that the current weather concerns are being addressed by the DPW. The town will be dealing with the repercussions of the weather well into spring.

LICENSES & ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015. 4/0

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015. 4/0

On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015. Selectman Page abstained from voting as he wasn't present at said meeting. 3/0/1

On motion by Selectmen Page, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to vacate Foreclosure of 17 Burgess Road, Plymouth, MA upon having Town made whole. 4/0

On motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to reappoint Paul McAlduff as Planning Board rep to Building Committee 4/0

On motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to grant Exclusive Vending Rights to America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration. 4/0

On motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to terminate the License Agreement dated August 13, 2013 between the Town of Plymouth and Harald LLC, as provided in Section VII, "Termination and Revocation." 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Lynch commented that the new town hall that is being built is not giving the public enough options regarding the plans and cost of the project. He addressed the Selectmen and requested they give alternate financial options. He reminded everyone of the outstanding OPEB financial obligation.

2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Attorney Serkey presented Article 30 explaining the article seeks to negotiate a PILOT agreement with a solar photovoltaic energy generating facility.

Selectman Mahoney questions whether or not this project would disturb the quality of life on Janebar Circle for those that are close to the project. It is roughly 200 feet minimum to the abutting property and if another shape (such as a triangle) could be done in order to be further away from the properties.

Mr. Mellahan, the applicant, said more outreach would be done during permitting and changing the land shape would not be an issue. Attorney Serkey confirmed that.

On motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to take no action on Article 30 and Article 31 until Ms. Barrett and the petitioner reach a PILOT agreement prior to town meeting. 4/0

Finance director Barrett explained revolving funds included in Article 3.

On motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to recommend Article 3 to Town Meeting as represented in the January 21, 2015 memo by Finance Director Lynne Barrett. 4/0

Chairman Tavares stated there would be no motion and no action on Article 5.

Ms. Barrett stated that there has been no change to the documents for Article 7A-7E.

On motion by Selectman Page, seconded by Selectmen Provenzano, the Board voted to recommend Article 7A, B, C, D, and E to Town Meeting 4/0.

On motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend Article 8 to Town Meeting as represented in the January 30, 2015 memo by Finance Director Ms. Barrett. 4/0

Ms. Barrett explained the projects in Article 9 and that they had passed through the Capital Improvement Committee ranking process. She indicated capital request totaled 15,537,909 million for FY16.

Chairman Tavares recommends that the town spend more time on maintenance repair of the buildings as he noted the line item had only been funded at 250,000. He noted that the town never cared for Plymouth North and now is an example of a building that wasn't built properly and it had to be torn down.

On a question by Chairman Tavares about the retaining wall on School Street, DPW director Beder took the podium to address that the repair from the First Parish to the new town hall stating it will be fixed by installing a retaining wall on the East side.

The Selectmen also questioned some of the second priorities in the town building repair program including Vine Hills Cemetery Office, 1749 Courthouse, and Harbor Master Building.

On motion by Selectman Provenzano, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to recommend Article 9 to Town Meeting as represented in the February 4, 2014 memo by Finance Director Lynne Barrett. 4/0

Chairman Tavares asked that the building maintenance study be placed on an upcoming agenda and asked for details regarding what is stored at the Vine Hills Cemetery building.

Treasurer/Collector Pamela Borgatti presented Article 10 requesting an increase from \$5.00 to \$30.00 for the demand fee charged to individuals late on their Real Estate Taxes, Personal Property Taxes, Excise Taxes, and Utility bills.

Selectman Mahoney voiced his concern regarding the bump in the demand fee although he stated it could potentially have a half a million dollar increase in revenue next year.

Selectman Provenzano commented that the demand fee being raised will be shocking to the public and he wanted to make sure that the public is aware of the rise in fee. He stated that people may learn their lesson after year one thus reducing the demand fee's collected.

On motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Page, the Board voted to recommend Article 10 to Town Meeting as represented in the January 6, 2015 memo by Treasurer/Collector Pamela Borgatti. 4/0

Ms. Barrett explained Article 13, the transfer of \$500,000 into the Nuclear Plant Mitigation Stabilization Fund.

Selectman Mahoney spoke about the stabilization fund and that he would like the investment policy to be reviewed in order to generate more income.

Ms. Barrett agreed to review this with Treasurer/Collector Pamela Borgatti and bring it back to the Selectmen.

On motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Provenzano, the Board voted to recommend Article 13 to Town Meeting as represented in the February 4, 2014 memo by Finance Director Lynne Barrett. 4/0

Chairman Tavares stated that Article 16A, B, C, D, E – Community Preservation is postponed until March 3, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Tavares commended the department heads, particularly Mr. Beder, on the progress that is being made around the Town in regards to the snow removal. Selectman Mahoney echoed Chairman Tavares' sentiment about snow removal. Chairman Tavares would like a hotline set up with DPW regarding the location of potholes.

Chairman Tavares commented that he would like Selectman Mahoney to attend the Nuclear Matters Committee and have the Nuclear Matters Committee rank the top 5 priorities as it pertains to the Nuclear power plant. Chairman Tavares asked that they bring the priorities back to the Selectmen to review.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On a motion by Selectman Provenzano seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to adjourn its meeting at approximately 7:21 p.m. Voted 4-0 approved.

Recorded by Annikka Bernabe, Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen

A copy of the February 23, 2015 meeting packet is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's office.