

**ADVISORY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 10, 2014**

A meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Moody at 7:00PM and was conducted in the Mayflower II Meeting Room at the Plymouth Town Hall, 11 Lincoln Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

**PRESENT**      **Fourteen members of the committee were present:**  
Cornelius Bakker, Kevin Canty, Richard Gladdys, Michael Hanlon, Harry Helm, Kevin Hennessey, Michael Hourahan, Shelagh Joyce, Ethan Kusmin, Kevin Lynch, Christopher Merrill, John Moody, Marc Sirrico, Charles Stevens

**ABSENT**      **One member of the committee was absent:**  
Harry Salerno

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Town Meeting Article Presentations**

<b>ARTICLE 1 Classification &amp; Compensation, Personnel By-Law, Collective Bargaining Agreements</b>
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Town Manager, Melissa Arrighi, and Human Resources Director, Cindy DePina, presented Article 1, amending the Classification and Compensation Plans, the Personnel By-Law and Collective Bargaining Agreements as follows:

- Police Patrolmen-Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC) Award.  
Increase wage scale as follows:  
7/1/12 1%, 1/1/13 1%, 7/1/13 1%, 1/1/14 1%, 7/1/14 2.5%  
Base salary Equity Adjustments:  
7/1/13: 1% across-the-board wage increase applied to salary schedule in effect 6/30/13  
7/ 1/15:1% across-the-board wage increase applied to salary schedule in effect 6/30/14
- Police Superiors-Pending Joint Labor Management Committee award as follows:  
Increase wage scale as follows:  
7/1/12 1%, 1/1/13 1%, 7/1/13 1%, 1/1/14 1%, 7/1/14 2.5%  
Base salary Equity Adjustments:  
7/1/13: 1% across-the-board wage increase applied to salary schedule in effect 6/30/13  
7/ 1/15:1% across-the-board wage increase applied to salary schedule in effect 6/30/14
- SEIU – increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014
- OPEIU – increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014
- Teachers – increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014\*
- School Paraprofessionals – increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014\*
- School Secretaries - increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014\*
- School Administrative CBU - increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014\*
- School Central Office Clerical - increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014\*
- School Unaffiliated - increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014\*
- School COBRA – increase wage scale as follows: 7/1/12 0%, 7/1/13 2%, 7/1/14 4.5%\*

\* Note – School Committee negotiates School Department Collective Bargaining Agreements. This reflects increase in wages only and not all other changes, financial or otherwise. As of this date, school Committee vote has not been finalized for above groups.

- Proposing to add the following Equal Opportunity Statement to Page 4 of the Personnel By Laws: The Town of Plymouth provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, amnesty, status as a covered veteran or any other protected class in accordance with applicable federal, state or local laws. This applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation, and training.
- Add the following position to the Personnel By Laws: Misc D.: Building Department Substitutes (these are alternate inspectors): Pay rate \$ 25.77 per hour. Alternate inspectors are only paid if they are called in to work. They are utilized as a back-up if the main inspector is unable to perform their duties.
- Change the pay scale for Personnel By-law Employees as Follows: Executive, Management & Administrative Groups – increase wage scale by 2.5% effective 7-1-2014.
- Change the pay rates effective January 1, 2015 in the Personnel By Laws: The State of Massachusetts has changed the minimum wage effective January 1, 2015. The current minimum wage for Massachusetts is \$8.00 per hour, but on January 1, 2015 it will change to \$9.00 per hour. (Please note the minimum wage will increase by an additional \$1.00 per hour on January 1, 2016 and another \$1.00 per hour on January 1, 2017. – All Misc. D positions will be reviewed and additional changes proposed for Spring Town Meeting, as the increase will start to affect many positions). The change in minimum wage will affect a number of positions within the Plymouth. We are requested that the following positions be changed as indicated effective January 1, 2015:

Job Class	JOB TITLE	STEP	RATE	
			CURRENT RATE	EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2015
905	CENSUS TAKER	1	8.1600	\$ 9.0000
T910	INFORMATION AIDE 1749 CT HSE	1	8.1600	\$ 9.0000
T914		2	8.67	\$ 9.5100
		3	9.18	\$ 10.0100
		4	9.69	\$ 10.5100
T915	MUSEUM DIRECTOR	1	8.6496	\$ 9.0000
T920	RECREATION BEACH & POND ATTNDS	1	8.16	\$ 9.0000
		2	8.67	\$ 9.5100
		3	9.18	\$ 10.0100
		4	9.69	\$ 10.5100
T921	RECREATION BEACH & POND NITE	1	8.2416	\$ 9.0000
		2	9.0270	\$ 9.7854
		3	9.8124	\$ 10.5708
		4	10.5978	\$ 11.3562
T922	RECREATION INSTRUCTORS	1	8.16	\$ 9.0000
		2	8.67	\$ 9.5100
		3	9.18	\$ 10.0100
		4	9.69	\$ 10.5100
T924	SEASONAL LABORER	1	8.6598	\$ 9.0000
		2	8.9862	\$ 9.3264
		3	9.5880	\$ 9.9282
		4	10.1694	\$ 10.5096
T925	SEASONAL REPAIRMAN	1	8.16	\$ 9.0000
		2	8.4660	\$ 9.3060
		3	9.0168	\$ 9.8568

		4	9.5880	\$ 10.1592
T928	SPORTS CLINIC ASSISTANT	1	8.1600	\$ 9.0000
T932	YOUTH CENTER ATTENDANT	1	8.16	\$ 9.0000
		2	8.67	\$ 9.5100
		3	9.18	\$ 10.0100
		4	9.69	\$ 10.5100
T936	TOWN MEETING TELLER	1	8.4150	\$ 9.0000

- Town Clerk’s Office: Requesting that the following positions be increased effective immediately:  
Poll Workers From \$8.42 to \$9.00 per hour, Wardens From \$12.98 to \$13.55 per hour

Questions & Comments:

- What does this do to retirement costs? No immediate effect this year or next, valuation every 2 years.
- How does the Town’s consultant use communities that were not comparable? Not sure what criteria they looked at for comparison, population, size, etc.
- Were other collective bargaining units asking for increases because other groups got it? Yes, those contracts had economic reopener clauses.
- Other topics in the JLMC Award like drug & alcohol policy and license to carry.
- Wasn’t January JLMC firefighter award to bring parity with police department? Yes
- Public comment from Richard Serkey, Precinct 2, concerned JLMC is favored form of negotiation, curious about number and duration of negotiation sessions prior to going to JLMC, does not like leapfrogging of each union over the others, award should be rejected.

**Michael Hanlon made a motion to divide Article 1 into 8 component parts (below) to be considered individually. Shelagh Joyce, second.**

- 1- Patrolmen JLMC Award
- 2- Police Superior Officers JLMC Award
- 3- Wage scale increase SEIU, OPEIU, Teachers, School Paraprofessionals, School Secretaries, School Administrative CBU, School Central Office Clerical, School Unaffiliated, School COBRA
- 4- EOC Statement
- 5- Personnel By-Law – Building Dept Subs
- 6- Pay Scale – Executive, Management & Administrative
- 7- Change pay rates regarding minimum wage change
- 8- Immediate increase in wage for Poll Workers and Wardens

Discussion: Would like support voting on these 8 issues individually because a JLMC Award vote is very different from an Equal Opportunity Statement or change in Personnel Bylaws.

**Motion to divide passes (7-6-0) with Richard Gladdys, Michael Hourahan, Kevin Hennessey, Marc Sirrico, Ethan Kusmin and Kevin Canty opposed.**

1- Patrolmen JLMC Award

**Harry Helm made a motion to recommend approval of component 1- Patrolmen JLMC Award. Cornelius Bakker, second.**

Points of discussion:

- Advisory & Finance and Town Meeting are not required to support JLMC Awards.
- Six months ago Advisory & Finance and Town Meeting voted to make fire compensation comparable with police so why bump police compensation now, vicious cycle.
- Town has ability to pay but free cash is not free and taxpayers will end up paying for all.
- Drug and alcohol testing is a no brainer yet they don’t want to agree to it.
- Properly paying police and fire is important in retaining them but where does it end?
- Firemen agreed to not get a raise for years when the town was not doing well financially.

- The best and brightest should be rewarded.
- Teachers went without and they have never seen 8 1/2% over 3 years, how can you tell them they are not the best and brightest?
- Police are being paid less than other towns in the area, they will leave and we will have to invest in training new officers.
- Police put their lives at risk, they are bravest and boldest and deserve the money.
- We should approve this increase because they deserve it and we want the police to stay in this community.
- Arbitrators looked at all the comparisons and we should support their decision.
- Decision is not personal it is about process, the collective bargaining process is broken and they will not agree to drug and alcohol testing and obtaining a license to carry, so do not support this agreement.

**Michael Hourahan made a motion to move the question. Motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

**Motion to recommend approval of the Patrolmen JLMC Award passes (8-5-0) with Michael Hanlon, Shelagh Joyce, Kevin Lynch, Christopher Merrill and Charles Stevens opposed.**

### 2- Police Superior Officers JLMC Award

**Ethan Kusmin made a motion to recommend approval of Component 2- Police Superior Officers JLMC Award. Richard Gladdys, second.**

Police Chief Michael Botieri answered some questions:

- Average length of service and amount of turnover? Typically service is long term. Had one transfer recently and two more transfers coming up, all going to the State Police.
- How many superiors and patrolmen are there on force? 19 superiors and 84 patrolmen for total of 103 on the force.
- Why are we losing officers to the State Police? State Police recently had a change to their pay scale.

**Motion to recommend approval of the Superiors JLMC Award passes (8-5-0) with Michael Hanlon, Shelagh Joyce, Kevin Lynch, Christopher Merrill and Charles Stevens opposed.**

### 3- Wage scale increase SEIU, OPEIU, Teachers, School Paraprofessionals, School Secretaries, School Administrative CBU, School Central Office Clerical, School Unaffiliated, School COBRA

**Ethan Kusmin made a motion to recommend approval of Component 3- SEIU, OPEIU, Teachers, School Paraprofessionals, School Secretaries, School Administrative CBU, School Central Office Clerical, School Unaffiliated, School COBRA. Cornelius Bakker, second.**

**Charles Stevens made a motion to amend by extracting school related items until the School Committee settles those items and thereby limit vote to only SEIU and OPEIU parts of Component 3. Motion to amend passes (8-3-2) with Marc Sirrico, Kevin Canty and Michael Hourahan opposed and Ethan Kusmin and Richard Gladdys abstaining.**

Questions and comments:

- These groups had 4% increase in last agreement and now we are adding 2 ½%, did they not have raises for a period of time? Both unions had agreed to 4% but had an economic reopener clause which is common to spread equivalent increase across town's employees.

- Are Selectmen bound to support this? Last round these groups went 0-0-2 then 1 ½-1 ½-1 and now are looking to add the 2 ½. All sides negotiated in good faith and that included this economic reopener.
- Contracts were agreed to, not in favor of this increase.

**Motion to recommend approval of the SEIU and OPEIU wage increases passes (7-6-1) with Michael Hanlon, Harry Helm, Michael Hourahan, Shelagh Joyce, Kevin Lynch and Christopher Merrill opposed. Ethan Kusmin, abstained. (Note: Vote was tied at 6-6-1 so Chairman John Moody vote to break tie bringing those in favor to 7.)**

**Michael Hanlon made a motion to postpone voting on the following school related items of this component until the School Committee has reached a decision: School Paraprofessionals, School Secretaries, School Administrative CBU, School Central Office Clerical, School Unaffiliated, School COBRA. Charles Stevens, second. Motion passes (11-1-1) with Kevin Canty, opposed and Richard Gladdys, abstained.**

#### 4- EOC Statement

**Michael Hanlon made a motion to recommend approval of Component 4- EOC Statement. Harry Helm, second. Motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

#### 5- Personnel By-Law – Building Dept Subs

**Ethan Kusmin made a motion to recommend approval of Component 5- Personnel By-Law – Building Dept Subs. Kevin Canty, second. Motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

#### 6- Pay Scale – Executive, Management & Administrative

**Kevin Hennessey made a motion to recommend approval of Component 6- Pay Scale – Executive, Management & Administrative. Cornelius Bakker, second.**

A question was asked if the rationale for this increase is because the other groups received it. The answer was yes.

**Motion to recommend approval of the pay scale adjustments for Executive Management and Administrative Groups passes (8-5-0) with Harry Helm, Shelagh Joyce, Kevin Lynch, Christopher Merrill and Charles Stevens opposed.**

#### 7- Change pay rates regarding minimum wage change

**Christopher Merrill made a motion to recommend approval of Component 7- Change pay rates regarding minimum wage change. Michael Hanlon, second. Motion to recommend approval of the Misc. D pay adjustments to bring them above the new state minimum wage passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

#### 8- Immediate increase in wage for Poll Workers and Wardens

**Cornelius Bakker made a motion to recommend approval of Component 8- Immediate increase in wage for Poll Workers and Wardens. Michael Hourahan, second.**

A question was asked if the increase would apply to the elections held on 9/9/14. The answer was no, if voted at Town Meeting it would go into effect 10 days after that so in time for November Elections.

**Motion to recommend approval of Component 8- increase in pay for Poll Workers and Wardens passes (12-0-1) with Marc Sirrico abstaining.**

**ARTICLE 2A: Departmental Expenses**

Lynne Barrett, Director of Finance, said that Article 2A involves the funding of Article 1 as well as some additional items (listed below). This is an amendment to Article 7A voted at the Annual Town Meeting in April. The additional items mentioned include:

Amount	Department - Line Item	Purpose
\$10,000	Human Resources - All Other Expenses	Medical services for increase in pre-employment medical requirements
\$10,000	Finance - All Other Expenses	MUNIS general billing module
\$12,000	Inspectional Services-Personal Srvcs	Hire part time administrative secretary
\$448,594	Police - Personal Services	Hire 9 new officers
\$74,157	Police - All Other Expenses	Equipment & associated costs for 9 new officers
\$60,000	Fire - Personal Services	To fund overtime line properly
\$31,345	Marine & Environ - Personal Services	To hire a new Warden
\$12,550	Marine & Environ - All Other Expenses	For Warden to attend police academy, uniforms, supplies, and hire firm to develop comprehensive plan for White Horse Beach
\$35,000	Fixed Costs-All Town Insur-Other Exp	To cover increase in insurance premiums
(\$744,870)	Non-Enterprise Debt-All Other Exp	Received lower interest rate on temporary bond
(\$51,224)	Total of these items	

**Charles Stevens made a motion to remove school related portion of Article 2A until the School Committee votes. Kevin Hennessey, second. The motion passes (12-1-0) with Kevin Canty opposed.**

\$3,386,127: The total increase (from Article 1 and the above additional items)

(\$1,522,942): Remove school related portion

\$1,863,185: Total remaining cost

Additional Items:	(\$51,224)
Article 1 related - Salary Reserve:	\$1,259,108
Article 1 related - Member Benefits:	\$294,651
Article 1 related - Member Insurance:	\$360,650
	\$1,863,185

Police Chief, Mike Botieri, was asked to explain his need for 9 additional officers. He said that 9 new officers are needed to keep the Street Crimes Unit moving forward and successful. Plymouth has a major heroin issue and this unit has made 130 arrests in the past 2 months.

Marine & Environmental Affairs Director, David Gould, was asked to explain his need for a firm to create a comprehensive plan for White Horse Beach. He said this plan would be similar to that of Long Beach. Using a firm that specializes in these types of plans is necessary to navigate the process of public outreach and meetings to really figure out what they want to see at White Horse and how to go about that through the development of a comprehensive plan.

**Christopher Merrill made a motion to recommend approval of Article 2A as amended. Richard Gladdy, second. The motion passes (12-1-0) with Shelagh Joyce opposed.**

**ARTICLE 3: Unpaid Bills**

Lynne Barrett said that there are unpaid invoices from 2 departments. 100B invoices from Human Resources inherently come up every year and there is 1 invoice from the Harbor Master for mooring work done in the spring.

**Cornelius Bakker made a motion to recommend approval of Article 3. Christopher Merrill, second. The motion passes unanimously (13-0-0)**

**ARTICLE 10:** Appraisal services and/or legal costs associated with negotiating a new PILOT Agreement between the Town and Entergy Nuclear Generation Company

Town Manager, Melissa Arrighi, presented Article 10. She said that the purpose of the article is to allocate \$400,000 to continue to use the firm of Duane Morris LLP in negotiations with Entergy. They are a very successful team and have expertise in this area. The Town has used this firm since 2006. Ms. Arrighi was asked if the calculations were accurate in that the Town has brought in \$85.5 million in PILOT agreements with Entergy and has spent \$2.2 million in legal fees in those negotiations. She said that was correct.

**Michael Hanlon made a motion to recommend approval of Article 10. Christopher Merrill, second. The motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

**ARTICLE 4:** Communications Tower

Fire Chief, Ed Bradley, presented Article 4 which is a request for an appropriation of \$410,000 to build a communications tower for public safety. We currently borrow space on a tower that has been deemed unstable. Current system also has many weak spots and even dead spots where radios will not work. New tower will be 510 feet above sea level and will have much stronger signal. It will be used by all three public safety departments (police, fire, and emergency management) as well as help statewide connections. The Capital Improvements Committee recommended ranked the tower #1 on the list for town meeting consideration.

Questions and comments:

- Can town make money renting out space on its tower? It will be used for public purpose only and will not generate any revenue.
- If surrounding land is damaged who will have to pay? Builder will have insurance.
- Will clearing of trees be an additional cost? Land clearing and providing an access way is included in the quote.

**Richard Gladdys made a motion to recommend approval of Article 4. Ethan Kusmin, second. The motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

**ARTICLE 6:** Bodywork Bylaws

John Moody withdrew from the room because of conflict of interest and Michael Hanlon assumed role of Chair for this article. Chief Botieri said that many businesses are popping up in Plymouth with "bodyworkers" thereby avoiding permitting and licensing that is required for therapists. By creating regulations for bodyworkers it will help in preventing trafficking and mistreatment of workers and provide a clean and safe environment for both employees and patrons. Similar regulations exist in Arlington and Newton and Weymouth is currently working on similar regulations.

Questions:

- What prompted the need for this? Police department receives complaints on a regular basis.
- How many businesses fall under this category? 7 in Plymouth right now.
- What if the state decides to regulate it? We would review bylaw and need for bylaw if and when that happens.
- Have the regulations been reviewed by Town Counsel? Not yet but they will.
- Are there other similar industries with similar issues? Not hearing of any others.
- What about nail salons? Nail salons are covered under state statutes.
- Are massage therapists covered under state statutes? Yes.
- Will there be a fee to obtain a license? That has not been determined that yet.

Public Comment:

Irene Moody of Heart of Destiny's Wings says that she is not opposed to adopting regulations but she is concerned about two aspects of the regulations: 1. Reiki should not be included with bodyworks because it is a non-touch method while client is fully clothed. 2. Regulations regarding not being allowed to provide service in the client's home should be removed because many clients are cancer patients and are not able to leave home. Dawn Dillon of Tranquil Touch Massage is also in favor of the bylaw to stop illegal activity but would like the opportunity to work with the town in revising the bylaw to remove Quigong from bylaw and close loopholes that exist in bylaw draft.

Questions:

- Any thought to excluding Reiki from bylaw? Can sit down and work through the bylaws, would definitely consider removing Reiki.
- In the towns that have these bylaws, have the bodyworks businesses disappeared? Yes, many have disappeared and those that stayed are controlled through the bylaws.
- How were the various practices/methods identified? Worked with the Weymouth documents as a basis.
- The bylaws are a work in progress, will they be ready in time for Town Meeting?
- Yes they will be updated as we discussed tonight and will be ready for Town Meeting.

**Charles Stevens made a motion to postpone decision until the final language of the bylaws have been written. Kevin Hennessey, second. The motion to postpone passes unanimously (12-0-0).**

John Moody returned to Chair.

**Charles Stevens made a motion to continue to conduct business beyond 10PM. Christopher Merrill, second. Michael Hanlon made a motion to amend to not take up new business after 10:30PM.**

**Charles Stevens accepted this amendment to the original motion. Motion passes (12-1-0) with Michael Hourahan opposed.**

**ARTICLE 23: Fingerprint Based Criminal History Checks**

Police Chief, Michael Botieri, presented Article 23. The purpose of this article is to help keep the community safe by having those applying for various licenses like Ice Cream Truck Vendors and Pawn Dealers (see full list in Article verbage above) go through state and federal fingerprint based criminal history checks as part of the permit process.

Questions:

- Is applicant given a chance to explain if something shows up on the CORI check? Yes, that will be part of the process.
- Why doesn't bylaw list mental health issues? Check of mental health only includes state facilities not private.
- Bylaw reads that it is recommended that Board of Selectmen check with the Chief of Police, shouldn't that be mandated? Chief does not have a problem with the existing wording.
- A portion of the fee is to be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, what is that? \$30 of the fee will go into that State trust fund, the remainder of the money will go to the Plymouth Police Department.
- Will the money that comes to the police department be enough to cover the cost of administering the test? Other than some time there is no real cost associated with the test so the money that comes to the police department will be profit.
- Will the fingerprinting be used for anything other than permitting? No, they will not be kept in a database for future use.



- Why charge the fee, these industries are low income? The fee charged has to at least cover the State fee.

**Christopher Merrill made a motion to recommend Article 23 to Town Meeting. Michael Hanlon, second. The motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

<b>ARTICLE 13:</b> Local Excise Tax on Marijuana/Cannabis
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John Moody relinquished the role of Chair to Michael Hanlon because he helped write Article 13 as a member of the Revenue Idea Task Force. The marijuana excise tax was one of 5 revenue generating ideas that the Task Force came up with. There is tremendous revenue potential in the cannabis industry. This would be a 5% excise tax on cultivation, transfers and sales of all cannabis related items.

Questions:

- Since marijuana is not prescribed, how does one get it? It is provided by recommendation of a physician.
- Aren't non-profits exempt from sales tax? Yes which is why this is an excise tax and an excise tax is normally applied during the process stream.
- Will the revenue generated by the excise tax be earmarked for drug prevention programs or anything similar? No the role of the Task Force was to come up with the revenue generating ideas with the intent of supporting the General Fund.
- Why only 5%, there is a 7% tax on beer? Plymouth is taking an aggressive initiative and is comfortable at 5%.
- Would this apply to hemp based tanning lotion? Growers would pay an excise tax quarterly to the Town.
- Are all the medical marijuana companies that are coming to Plymouth non-profit? Yes, all 3 that appeared before the Board of Selectmen are non-profit.
- How can they be non-profit? They are classified as medical not retail.
- Non-profits must charge sales tax on anything they sell to the public, right? Consumers pay sales tax but medical marijuana may fall under the sales tax exemption, the State is looking at this now. Plymouth wants to establish this foundation before the businesses start so they know what to expect and can plan for it in their business plan.
- Is there anything that can be done to prevent cost being passed on to purchasers? Not able to answer that.
- Can the businesses in Plymouth stay competitive if the businesses in other towns don't have to pay excise tax? The thought is that other towns will follow Plymouth's lead.

**Kevin Lynch made a motion to recommend Article 13 to Town Meeting. Christopher Merrill, second.**

Comments:

- Need to be careful not to drive businesses out of Town but at least Plymouth is being up front with the excise tax so they know what to expect.
- It is worrisome that expense will be passed on to consumer.

**Kevin Hennessey made a motion to postpone to find out amount of revenue that will be generated and also see what other towns are going to do. Charles Steven, second.**

Comments:

- Don't see a reason to postpone.
- Businesses are anticipating this anyway at least this way they will know about it up front.

**Shelagh Joyce called the question. Motion to postpone fails (3-9-0) with Charles Stevens, Cornelius Bakker and Kevin Hennessey in support.**

Returning to the main motion to recommend Article 13 to Town Meeting, the motion passes (8-4-0) with Kevin Hennessey, Charles Stevens, Harry Helm and Cornelius Bakker opposed.

Shelagh Joyce made a motion to allow new business to be heard past 10:30PM. Richard Gladdys, second. The motion passes (11-1-0).

John Moody returned as Chair.

**ARTICLE 16C:** CPC – Acquire 27 acre lot located at 30 Lake Road off Old Sandwich Road

Bill Keohan presented this article previously but ran out of time.

**Charles Stevens made a motion to recommend Article 16C to Town Meeting. Cornelius Bakker, second. The motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

**ARTICLE 16D:** CPC – Acquire 98 acres off Bourne Road

Bill Keohan presented Article 16D. This 98 acre parcel will connect Plymouth with land owned by the Town of Bourne. It is an excellent opportunity to purchase conservation land in South Plymouth and connect with Bourne trails and the Cape Cod Rail Trails.

Questions:

- Will there be a conservation restriction on property? CPC requires a restriction and the Wildlands Trust will hold the restriction for passive recreation. The Wildlands Trust is also helping to engage other organizations to provide grants for the project.
- What is the assessed value of the property? CPC's first appraisal came in around \$600,000 and the property owners had an appraisal done that came in at \$1.4 million. Joint appraisal was \$750,000 to \$1.1 million. CPC is willing to pay \$750,000. Property is currently Chapter 61 where it was agreed to be kept in an agricultural or forestry state.
- Are the property owners current on their tax payments? Yes and if they were not, they would be required to pay taxes up to date at the closing.
- Are these lots buildable technically? Yes
- Where will funds come from? The money is in the budget, CPC passed in May 2002, funds are raised through taxes and the state match is 58%. Under this statute the money is set aside strictly for preservation.

**Cornelius Bakker made a motion to recommend Article 16D to Town Meeting. Ethan Kusmin, second.** Michael Hanlon said that in the past he abstained from articles regarding the Wildlands Trust because he was a board member, he is no longer a board member so he will be voting on this article.  
**The motion to recommend Article 16D to Town Meeting passes (13-0-0).**

#### MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2014:

**Cornelius Bakker made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2014 meeting. Michael Hanlon, second. The motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Kevin Canty moved for adjournment. Harry Helm, second.**  
**The motion for adjournment carries unanimously (13-0-0).**  
The meeting adjourned at 10:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kere Gillette