



cruiser. We don't even go down to the beach until 6 or 7 and even then we have to pick up trash.

Chairman Tavares states that he has gotten several reports after Memorial Day. I ask that you leave your numbers with the Town Manager and we will get back to you with this.

Steve Lyden takes the podium and states that we are still talking about trash. Transfer station pays for itself they do not subsidize each other. Perhaps we should lease out the transfer station and let someone else deal with it.

Peg Ohern: 20 years later we are still dealing with the same issues on White Horse Beach. I've seen too many neighbors go out and challenge these people and get threats made against them. There are police officers there that don't recognize that parking in the street is not safe.

Richard Barberry precinct 3: The trash program is a failure, especially since the transfer stations have been closed. The users of the transfer station do the right thing; they shouldn't be punished for a system they didn't create.

Everett Malaguti: I am pleased what DPW did for the portion of Ocean Ave but they fell short with finishing the ends of it leaving speed bumps and I'm wondering when that will be finalized? After we did the remediation work at the water front, there is still water bubbling out of the pavement. There have been large puddles that have never gone away.

Ms. Benezra: The \$90.00 transfer station fee will cause too big of a deficit and you should increase the rate \$20, you need to close the transfer station one day a week, and you need to install a camera to catch the ones abusing it.

#### **7:10 p.m. Transfer Station Fees**

A motion to Approve was made by John Mahoney and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Mahoney, Tavares. Nays: Provenzano, Jr., Malaguti.

Selectman Mahoney asks Ms. Arrighi how many \$90.00 transfer stickers we have sold. Ms. Arrighi answers for the transfer station alone 304 and for the combination transfer and curbside is 44.

Selectman Mahoney makes a motion to bring the transfer station ticket up \$25.00 to \$115.00. Page seconds for discussion.

Selectman Mahoney: When we talk about the variables that force the Town to go down the road it is currently on. In 2008 we had a trash analysis done at the results were to maintain South St Transfer station. If we would have to site and permit a new transfer station in the same area it would have been a million dollars. We are currently at 66 dollars a ton. Do the transfer station users subsidize the curbside? We can't guarantee we'll get a subsidy.

Selectman Malaguti: The transfer station needs to be kept open; a lot of people depend on it. Secondly, the presentation was flawed years ago. The transfer station needs to be policed. There has to be some way to address that. If we raise the fees we will drive people away from the transfer station. We should close the transfer station for a day.

Selectman Page: In the beginning I was against raising it the fees to \$145.00, I am still convinced other things can be done to reduce costs and keep the amount of people coming in and raise the amount of people coming to the transfer station.

Selectman Provenzano address Mr. Beder: What is the level of compliance in terms of the orange bags? Are there any penalties for ABC? What is the savings for closing the transfer station?

Mr. Beder: We do keep a running list and those residents do get letters and if they are repeat offenders they are removed from the program. The cost savings would be minimal to closing the transfer station one day a week.

Chairman Tavares: On the motion before you. 3 in favor, two opposed Selectman Malaguti and Selectman Provenzano.

Selectman Malaguti addresses Jonathan Beder about anaerobic digestion blends well with a sewer treatment plant.

Mr. Beder takes the podium and states several years ago while they were working on the transfer station issues they have pursued the request for the sewer treatment plant.

**7:15 p.m.** County Budget

Daniel Pallotta, Gregory Hanley, and county treasurer Thomas O'Brien take a seat to discuss the County budget and make opening comments.

Mr. Pallotta acknowledges that it would be important for Chairman Tavares to be available to hear the whole debate regarding the budget. The budget does not rely on any assets or any grants from the state and although it is not an optimum budget, it does provide services for all the departments; it is a conservative budget.

Selectman Malaguti: If you find supplemental revenue what is your first priority? Mr. Pallotta responds restore positions to the registry of deeds; we were able to bring 3 people back and it is functioning satisfactory but certain special projects aren't getting done.

Selectman Mahoney questions Mr. Pallotta do you have a funding mechanism in the budget for the monitoring of South Street? Mr. Pallotta responds there is not a funding mechanism in place for South Street because it doesn't need to be monitored due to it being closed over 30 years. On our side of the line we do not believe monitoring is required.

Selectman Mahoney: What is the action for transparency? Mr. Pallotta responds that the County of Plymouth has appealed the permits on the police station we did meet with DEP and requested that the project go forward. The County of Plymouth has filed a 21E action regarding trash on portions of land that are not in the assigned area.

Selectman Mahoney: As you approach the FY16 budget how did you approach budgetary cuts for layoffs and potential pay cuts for those employees who weren't laid off. Mr. Pallotta answers as with collective bargaining we have made a decision not to deal with collective bargaining publicly. We have made a proposal to all 3 unions to prevent any layoffs; all proposals were rejected. One union accepted our second offer. Our third request was rejected by the registry of deed unions.

Selectman Mahoney: Two years ago I made a motion to not support the budget because of the doubling of your pay. What we explained to Mr. Muratore that night is in the private sector you should have been on the job on a year or two prior to warranting a raise. The two of you advocated for a doubling of pay four months after being sworn into office; you wonder why elected officials in the United States of America don't have a good opinion from the public. Structurally speaking I don't blame you for everything that is wrong with the County, but you are consistently making decisions that are bad for the economy. The number one revenue generator for the County government is the registry of deeds and to have 12 Americans kicked to the curb and not have you rescind your raise from two years ago is unacceptable. Due to this I cannot support the budget as presented.

Mr. Pallotta: At no time was there \$125,000 worth of on the table between the two parties. The one thing we did agree to do didn't come to fruition and that was the ash for cash. The registry makes the same amount of money no matter how many people were laid off; it's a transaction required by statute and isn't a valid argument. With regard to Plymouth

supporting or not supporting the budget, I would hate for one line item on the county budget to sour the whole budget. When the County Commissioners asked for the raise, we set out to correct the problems of the County that was sinking like the Titanic. Unlike the Titanic, the county will not sink for two reasons. Half of the problems with the county have already been solved. This Board has solved the debt problem with countless meetings and a lot of hard work. The second item we have worked on is our OPEP liability and we have got those numbers down. You'll be asked to fund \$50,000 into that fund. The commissioners have been working very hard to get the County on the right track. The employees were given the opportunity not to lay off their own people but they rejected our proposals twice. We are working around it and we have a strong budget and we believe we deserve to continue down the path we are going.

Selectman Mahoney: The 75 million ash for cash deal never existed; it was a fabrication. The public was not presented with any information, the executives from CMass told me flat out that it didn't exist so the notion it was shut down because Town Meeting didn't support it is a fallacy.

Selectman Provenzano: On the issue of the satellite offices, you instituted a remote filing system do you know what the revenue is from that? Mr. O'Brien answers 20 or 30 percent of the budget and .90 cents on every dollar goes to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but we are trying to get some of it to stay here.

Selectman Provenzano: This is a difficult County to get around as an Attorney and given the success of the remote filing system did you think about pulling back on the satellite offices? Mr. Pallotta responds believe it or not satellite offices are very popular with attorneys since Boston is far from Plymouth. We had some leases that were signed prior to remote filing system and closing the satellite offices wouldn't help us gain much funding.

Chairman Tavares questions the Commissioners on line 20 on the front page regarding the County dredge. This year \$90,000.00 is being proposed and \$250,000 was expended to purchase through a grant from the state is that correct? Mr. Pallotta responds the \$250,000 was a direct grant to purchase the dredge. In FY16 the community of Kingston has permits to use the dredge. \$90,000 represents the cost to use the dredge. Not enough communities have signed up to have it be self-sustained. Chairman Tavares: It's a net correct? Mr. Pallotta responds that is correct.

Treasurer O'Brien to talk about the budget in general terms: Plymouth County is doing very well as a result of this budget. This budget reflects a 9.4% budget cut which the commissioners have made possible. The offers to the individual unions are the results of their own actions which prompted the layoffs at the registry of deeds. Mr. O'Brien goes over the budget line by line.

Selectman Malaguti addresses Treasurer O'Brien. When I was the delegate to the County Advisory Board from 1986 to 1990, it was a problem then that the state didn't pay like they should. It wasn't only delayed back then it was eliminated. Did we advocate for our Senate president when she was a member of this committee to try to rectify this situation?

Mr. Pallotta: We tried to get deeds excised in this round and we couldn't get it through. Senate president Murray did get a change in the reimbursement rate on the court houses with provisions on interest, if we spend a dollar we are supposed to get a dollar. Time will tell whether the state honors it but it is the law. The reimbursement component doesn't kick in until FY16, so we are hoping to get some of that money back which will help us recover the

OPEP cost for those retired employees.

Mr. Henley: The source of funds that is paying that debit is roughly 1 million dollars. Where does the source of funds go to solve the problem? She was very instrumentally to get this done.

Selectman Mahoney: Tom are you running a structural deficit in the coming years and how in depth with this presentation be? Mr. O'Brien: No structural deficit in the coming years and the advisory Board usually runs about 45 minutes with a 15 to 16 page power point.

Chairman Tavares thanks the County Commissioners for their time. Now the discussion will come back to the Board.

Selectman Mahoney makes a motion to support the Chairman in going to the county budget presentation and supporting the salary for the County Commissioners of \$7,500.00 and taking that up to \$9,000.00 if he so sees fit, Selectman Page seconds to discussion.

Selectman Page: Originally the salary was \$7,500.00 and has increased to what number?

Mr. Pallotta: When I was on the Board the salary was \$28,000. The County Commissioners weren't doing the job at the Advisory Board level; we tried to cut it to zero but a set minimum is at least \$7,000.00. When we asked for a restoration of pay we did it for the \$7,000.00.

Chairman Tavares: The budget states on 100A elected officials under the commissioner's office is \$22,651 is that for all 3 commissioners?

Mr. O'Brien: The County follows the director of accounts budget as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In FY12 the line item 100A was created. Chairman Tavares responds that the State statute does not allow for the compensation to go under \$7,830.00? Mr. O'Brien: Yes that is correct.

Mr. Hanley: I made the pitch to advisory for the increase. If you take away taxes you're actually looking at around \$5,000.00 and it began to actually cost the County Commissioners money to pay for gas and miscellaneous expenses. We are out 3 nights a week to represent different cities.

Mr. O'Brien: As revenues get restored, what are the goals of the Commissioners? The Advisory Board actually gets to decide. This is a group of your peers that are making these decisions with full information from your peers.

Mr. Pallotta: I would also like you to take a look at the cherry sheets of the 351 Towns. The taxes that are being paid by Plymouth are the lowest. There are a lot of communities that have gone down in taxes.

Chairman Tavares: One thing we didn't talk about was you aren't funding the administrator's position this year?

Mr. O'Brien: If you can look to page 5 it shows the administrative position is being funded. Since April 1<sup>st</sup> I have been serving as the temporary interim administrator.

Selectman Page: The Advisory Board stopped the Commissioners from reducing their pay as they promised? If advisory is in charge and has the ultimate rule over whether it increases or decreases is that why it did not decrease?

Mr. Pallotta: The \$28,000 was vetoed 5 years ago; it's a statute that we pay \$7,800.00.

Selectman Page: I understand that the County is big, but for someone who does what I do for Plymouth for zero pay I'm struggling to understand this significant pay.

Mr. O'Brien: The pay scale for the Selectmen is varied as well. It was \$28,000.00 for years. Rather than bringing it back up to \$28,000.00 they brought it to \$14,000.00.

Selectman Provenzano: You three are sharing the duties of the administrator because the administration spot is vacant. Are you also sharing the pay designated for the administrator?  
Mr. Pallotta responds: No it goes toward unemployment.

Selectman Mahoney: I didn't want this to turn into a discussion about politicians trying to get as much as they can for a job. We have two members on our Board, Selectman Page and Selectman Malaguti who do not get compensated for their work on the committee. This is not a political agenda, it is not personal. It was inappropriate 2 years ago for the pay to be doubled, it was not warranted. The other communities do not see what goes on in Plymouth. They should all take a tour of South Street to see the revenue that could have existed. It is my belief that there were proposals out there between the Town of Plymouth and the County of Plymouth that provided the proper amount of revenue that it need to get to the point of layoffs for the Registry of Deeds. If you're going to run for office and expect to pay \$7,500 you should expect to be paid that amount.

Mr. Hanley: I didn't get into politics to make money; I did it to make a difference. If you look at all the things this Board has accomplished I think you could say we earned the money. Mr. Hanley thanks the Board for hearing them this evening and looks forward to the Chairman coming to hear the County budget.

David Malaguti: I am not supporting Selectman Mahoney's decision for several reasons. Having served on the County Advisory board, I see no reason why we should hand string our Chairman. I have always told people that you should never make a decision on one item; you should always take the whole reason.

Selectman Provenzano: Chairman Tavares I have confidence on your ability to weigh in at the advisory board meeting and vote that is in the best interest of the Town. I may suggest that you make a motion to revise the budget to what Mr. Mahoney suggested. I won't vote to tie your hands with a vote.

On the motion from Selectman Mahoney to support the Chairman in going to the county budget presentation and supporting the salary for the County Commissioners of \$7,500.00 and taking that up to \$9,000.00 if he so sees fit. Mahoney – Yes, Page – Yes, Malaguti – No, Provenzano – No, Tavares – No. The motion does not carry.

Chairman Tavares: The vote does not carry. I will attend the meeting and listen to what they have to say. For full disclosure, I do believe the Commissioner's salary should be reduced. The reason I feel this way is in local government we don't do it for the money; whatever we get for compensation is mainly for expenses we do incur. The budget should be reduced until the County gets itself back to a better level of service, the elected officials should take a

bit of a pay cut as people have been laid off. We do thank you all for coming this evening.

**7:30 p.m. Administrative Notes and Licenses**

Vacate Foreclosure - 87 Cape Cod Avenue

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

Approve Meeting Minutes - May 5, 2015

A motion to Approve was made by Sean Page and seconded by Anthony Provenzano, Jr., and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares. Abstain: Malaguti.

Approve Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2015

A motion to Approve was made by Sean Page and seconded by David Malaguti, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Mahoney, Provenzano, Jr., Tavares, Malaguti.

Expand Parking Time Limit on Court Street in North Plymouth to 2 Hours

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

Expand Parking Time Limit on Portion of Market Street to 2 Hours

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

Reduce Parking Time Limit on 2 Spaces on Town Wharf to 15 minutes

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

One Day Wine and Malt Liquor License - Holy Ghost Society of Plymouth - July 19, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

One Day Wine and Malt Liquor License - Pilgrim Hall Museum June 14, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m

A motion to Approve was made by David Malaguti and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

One Day Wine and Malt Liquor License - Pilgrim Hall Museum June 8, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m

A motion to Approve was made by David Malaguti and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

One Day Wine and Malt Liquor License - HopHead Events August 22, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

One Day Wine and Malt Liquor License - The Pour Guys LLC - June 27, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

Change of Manager (Liquor) - Speedwell Restaurant Company - Change of Manager from John T. Mello to Jordan R. Chabot

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by Sean Page, and the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: Page, Provenzano, Jr., Mahoney, Tavares, Malaguti.

#### **7:35 p.m.** Committee Liaison/ Designee Updates

Selectman Mahoney: Natural Resource meetings - The plan is to put together a beach program to help assist with white horse beach.

Ms. Arrighi: We have been talking a lot about white horse beach. We are going to need staffing to implement this plan.

Chairman Tavares: This is way too early in the season for these things to be happening. We need to get people down there now and get the message out that this behavior will not be tolerated.

Selectman Malaguti: If we have situations where cars are blocking the streets why aren't they towed?

Ms. Arrighi: If you're going to do enforcement it may have to apply to the residents as well.

Selectman Page: I'm not sure what the fire chief is doing but public safety is my priority.

The resources I've seen at long beach last year are a little excessive. Is there any way we can get some of the personnel from Long Beach to White Horse Beach?

Ms. Arrighi states she will investigate this further and get back to the Board.

#### **7:40 p.m.** Old Business/Letters/New Business

Selectman Malaguti states he is concerned with the incredible inconsistencies with the Town Manager's office and the Building department with regard to the Blendah Babes.

Ms. Arrighi: It was determined this morning that the Building Department was using the incorrect form. Zoning comes in to place with private property. That request was denied for zoning reasons.

Chairman Tavares: We received a letter from a citizen regarding taking down public trees on Town land.

Selectman Malaguti: I have a list of Town owned building's that could be sold. I would also like the assessors to prepare a list of parcels of land owned by the town that could be sold

to abutters just to get them back on the tax role. MMA is sponsoring a bill in the legislature to establish a time limit for "sister poles" (Sister poles are the old poles attached with cross-braces to the newly installed poles) They are left there until all wires have been transferred; some times for months and months. They are a hazard ad MMA is recommending a 90 day limit. I would request that a letter of support be sent to MMA.

Also, in Manomet plaza there is ice vending machine that is an eye sore. Do we know who approved this being put up?

Ms. Arrighi: I will look into this in the morning and get back to the Board with an answer. On a motion by Selectman Mahoney, seconded by Selectman Page the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Annikka Bernabe (Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen)

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Executive Session

### **SUMMARY:**

The Selectmen will hold an Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and Paragraph 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, as an open meeting on these matters may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. Following executive session, the Board will reconvene in open session.

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