

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

MAYFLOWER ROOM, TOWN HALL

The Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 11 Lincoln Street.

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

 Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
 Derek Brindisi, Assistant Town Manager

7:00PM - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tavares called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:05PM - TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Melissa Arrighi stated that there was not a written report as she was away the prior week.

Melissa reminded everyone to keep sidewalks and walkway cleared with the impending snow storm due this weekend.

The Network of Open Space Friends were already planning a spring clean up.

Melissa stated that she would have an update on the sewer main repair at the next selectmen's meeting

7:09PM - PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

7:10PM - NUCLEAR TASK FORCE UPDATE AND PRESENTATION

Jessica Casey presented to the board an overview and timeline for the Entergy decommissioning. It was stated that Entergy will close no later than June 1, 2019 due to poor market conditions, reduced revenue and increased operational costs. The anticipated announcement date for refueling is June, 2016. The closing will depend on the level of refueling.

Entergy opened in 1972 and employs 586 people, 190 of which are Plymouth residents. Entergy owns 1,674 acres of land and the Pilgrim Power Plant Site takes up 134 acres of that land.

Initial concerns are safety and security, the timeline and compensation of spent fuel rod removal as well as emergency preparedness.

Entergy pays \$9.25m in lieu of taxes to the Town of Plymouth which makes up 5% of the towns revenue. Jessica stated that the economic impact would be minimal based on population and workforce growth. She also pointed out the potential growth of Cordage Park as well as the resources that Plymouth has, such as, 104 square miles of land, 30 miles of coastline, local vacancies downtown and a wide range of industry sectors.

Proposed actions are as follows:

Action #1 – Working Group will coordinate engagement with external stockholders and partners, Federal Agencies, The NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Committee) and other nuclear host communities.

Action #2 – Working Group will draft response letters for the Board's approval before sending to the NRC and Department of Energy.

Action #3 – Nuclear Matters Committee will provide advice to The Board of Selectmen on current plant operations and assist the Working Group's efforts. They will also research nuclear power plant closures and share findings at a future Board meeting, including but not limited to, decommissioning types and costs, environmental issues, timeline and phases, safety issues and unanticipated consequences.

Jessica then asked the Board members to endorse the Working Group and the Nuclear Matters Committee.

7:29pm – Chairman Tavares thanked Jessica Casey for all of her efforts in gathering information for this presentation, and stated that he was pleased with the progress being made. He also acknowledged the offices of Senator Vinny deMacedo, Congressman Bill Keating and State Representative Mathew Muratore for their support to the community. Ken then invited members of the delegation to speak.

7:32pm – State Representative Mathew Muratore came to the podium and complimented Chairman Tavares’ leadership and thank the Board for their dedication, and stated that we will be leaders in this endeavor.

7:34pm – Chairman Tavares emphasized that the decommissioning of Entergy has many facets such as safety and economic impacts and that everything that is happening is due to the delegation.

7:35pm – Monica Mullin from Senator deMacedo’s office came to the podium and thanked the Board for inviting her to the meeting. She acknowledged the DPH for their efforts through monitoring public safety through ground water testing. Monice also emphasized Senator deMacedo’s request to stay alert and be aware of safety and security.

Chariman Tavares responded with thanking Senator deMacedo and his support from his office. He also noted that this can not be done by just one group, but by many groups and that skillsets will be needed to cover all of these issues.

Monica noted that the community is stronger due to everyone being in agreement on these issues.

7:38pm – Mike Jackman from Congressman Bill Keating’s office came to the podium and thanked Jessica Casey for reaching out to Vernon, VT and the NRC. He also pointed out that the NRC was in the process of updating their decommissioning policies and urged everyone to go to their website and make comments. He urged that the decommissioning must be done in the safest and most productive manner, and that safety and security remained of the utmost importance. Finally he thanked the Board of Selectmen and everyone involved in this effort.

Chairman Tavares mentioned that Mike brought up a good point, stating that even people in Washington are learning through this process. He also expressed his excitement and confidence that this can be pulled together and that the community should not be concerned, indicating that Plymouth fared well after the closing of Cordage Park.

Mike then concluded by saying we can all learn from other communities that have closed and gone through this process.

7:44pm – Chairman Tavares invited the public to comment.

7:45pm - Meg Sheehan came to the podium and said she appreciated the work that the group has done. She also stated that she disagreed with three things.

The Town of Plymouth, by law, has control over the decommissioning and urged the town to cooperate and participate. She asked the Board to look into this matter.

Ms. Sheehan said there is ongoing ground water contamination that no one has done anything about. She stated that all that has been done is testing and

that the Town of Plymouth needs to be controlling the cleanup of the ground water and not just monitoring it.

Ms. Sheehan finally stated her concern with spent fuel rods and what Entergy proposed to do with them, adding that health experts need to be involved, She also asked that there be more communication with residents of surrounding towns.

7:50pm – Heather Lightner came to the podium and said she hoped that the community can be involved in the decommissioning.

7:52pm – Richard Rothstein from the Nuclear Matters Committee came to the podium and thanked everyone for inviting him. He stated they would be meeting next Monday, January 25, 2016 and he appreciated the opportunity to review Jessica Casey's presentation and complimented Jessica on her efforts.

7:54pm – Mary Lambert of Duxbury came to the podium and advised the Board of Selectmen that the decommissioning of Entergy goes beyond the Town of Plymouth and asked if there was any communication with the Town of Duxbury. She asked if there were any public meeting and that The Town of Duxbury wanted to be involved.

Chairman Tavares suggested that Ms Lambert have the Duxbury Town Manager contact Plymouth's Town Manager and set up a communication practice.

Mary Lambert stated she was also concerned that the decommissioning could take decades and wondered what will happen when the money is gone, "will Entergy walk away"? She also wondered if Entergy would dip into the decommissioning trust fund like a cookie jar and deplete the money. She stated the need to figure out how to handle this money. Ms Lambert also showed concern for the planning for the employment impact. In conclusion Ms Lambert thanked everyone and said she looked forward to working with everyone on this decommissioning.

8:00pm – Chairman Tavares then turned the discussion back to the Board of Selectmen.

8:01pm - Selectman Mahoney invited Jessica Casey back up to the podium and stated that all good things come to pass and that what goes into the budget eventually leaves and this should be a lesson learned for best practices. Mr. Mahoney also said that Vernon, VT took a hit to 95% of their budget because of decommissioning, but Plymouth still had growth potential. He suggested a meeting around May or June to discuss where the Capital Fund will be used in areas of growth and that there needs to be long-term planning.

8:03pm – Vice Chairman Provenzano said that the community doesn't accept the promise that Plymouth won't become a nuclear waste site for decades to come. He urged that the nuclear waste must be moved to long-term storage at a site, not in Plymouth and that does not sit on a shelf overlooking Massachusetts Bay. Chairman Tavares emphasized that the delegation realizes the issue of waste storage and that no one wants "a promise not kept".

8:05pm – Selectman Malaguti thanked Jessica Casey and the delegation for going above and beyond. He also showed concern that the NRC is updating their decommissioning process at this time. He stated that there are still issues but we need move forward.

8:07pm – Selectman Page agreed with Selectman Malaguti and added that we'd be in a better position if proper planning were used instead of being rushed into figuring out what to do. He also expressed his concern about the financial impact on taxpayers.

8:08pm – With a motion by Selectman Malaguti and seconded by Selectman Page the Board agreed to endorse the proposed actions put forth by the Working Group and Nuclear Action Committee. Voted 5/0

Chairman Tavares said that additional public meeting will be needed for the decommissioning.

Selectman Page encouraged all surrounding communities and towns to get involved by to contact Melissa Arrighi, the Plymouth Town Manager.

Before stepping down Jessica Casey thanked the Working Group for a team effort

8:09PM - ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Aquaculture License – On a motion by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Malaguti, the Board voted to approve the aquaculture license for Julie Archer, 27 Jan Marie Drive, Plymouth, for a term of three years, commencing on January 20, 2016 and terminating January 19, 2019. Voted 5/0

8:10PM - LICENSES

Cumberland Farms of Massachusetts Inc. d/b/a Cumberland Farms #2296, 154 Samoset Street, requested a change of management from Jo A. Severson to Bonnie Lewis.

On a motion made by Selectman Page and seconded by Chairman Tavares, the board approved the change of management. Voted 5/0

Loretta LaRoche Foundation, Erik Christensen, 50 Court Street requested a one day all alcohol license for February 5, 2016 from 6:00pm to 12:00am for a Mardi Gras fundraiser to be held at Studio G, 50 Shops at 5 Way.

On a motion made by Selectman Page and seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the board approved the one day all liquor license. Voted 5/0

Common Victualler (New Owner), Aria Capone d/b/a Carmen's Café Nicole, 114 Water Street, Aria Capone, Owner
Common Victualler (New Owner) ANS Services Inc. d/b/a Subway Restaurant, 2240 State Road, Arman Radfar, Owner

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Provenzano and seconded by Selectman Malaguti, the Board approved the above common victualler. Voted 5/0

Comprehensive Entertainment (New Owner), Aria Capone d/b/a Carmen's Café Nicole, 114 Water Street, Aria Capone, Owner.

On a motion made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board approved the above comprehensive entertainment. Voted 5/0

Vehicle for Hire Operator, (New) Special Occasion Limousine, 170 Court Street, Tim and Diane Dockery, Owner

On a motion made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Malaguti, the Board approved the above Vehicle for Hire. Voted 5/0

Amplified Music Permit (New) First Saturday Organization/Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, Jodi Prifti, Gary Wass, Meghan Doherty.

On a motion made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Malaguti, the Board approved the above Amplified Music Permit. Voted 5/0

8:14pm – Chairman Tavares called for a 5 minute Recess.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

8:25pm – Lee Hartmann asked, and it was agreed upon, to look at Article 24 first.

8:26pm - ARTICLE 24

Article 24: Final report and recommendation of The Planning Board to see if the town will vote to Amend its zoning bylaws, Section 205-19 Signs, to allow school information display boards for active kindergarten through twelfth grade schools.

Mr. Hartmann asked to amend the article to include only Plymouth South High School.

Superintendent Gary Maestas came to the podium and discussed the positioning of the sign at Plymouth South High School. He stated it would be 365 feet off of Long Pond Road on the left side of the entrance at a 45 degree angle for best viewing.

On a motion made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Malaguti, the Board voted to recommend Article 24 to Town Meeting. Voted 5/0

8:28pm - ARTICLE 11

Article 11: The receipts collected through the 6% Hotel/Motel Tax increased by 22% (267,646) from last year (\$1,458,400 compared to \$1,190,754 last year). The town, by a special act, places 45% of the Hotel/Motel Tax into its Promotional Fund. The total FY17 funding to be approved for the Town Promotion budget is \$656,280 which is \$120,441 more than last year's appropriation.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Provenzano and seconded by Selectman Mahoney, the Board voted to recommend Article 11 to Town Meeting. Voted 5/0

8:28pm - ARTICLE 14

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow \$200,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements between the Board of Health and residential property owners; including without limitation, the payment of all costs therefor as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 20C of the General Laws; and to meet this appropriation Treasurer with approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$200,000 under G.L.c.44 or any other enabling authority, which amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Lee Hartman emphasized that, to date, there have been 255 homeowners that have taken advantage of this offer. He also stated that payments of the loans show up on tax bills and that they are always paid back. This is offered to everyone and is a great alternative to conventional financing.

On a motion made by Selectman Mahoney and seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to recommend Article 14 to Town Meeting. Voted 5/0

8:40pm – Chairman Tavares acknowledged Lee Hartman's time consuming work he does.

8:41pm – COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES

Selectman Page reminded the Board that he and Town Manager Melissa Arrighi have a meeting with Burial Hill on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 9:00am.

Chairman Tavares stated that he is the liaison for the COA (Council on Aging) planning and activities. Mr. Tavares was impressed with the Friends of the COA which is a fund raising resource for the Senior Center. He particularly was impressed with the gift shop "Timeless Treasures" where they raise money by selling used, donated items. Chairman Tavares also invited them come to a Board of Selectmen's Meeting in the future as our senior population is growing

8:46PM - ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Selectman Page and seconded by Vice Chairman Provenzano, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Voted 5/0

Recorded by: Christopher Badot
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