

# PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016**

LITTLE THEATER, PLYMOUTH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

117 LONG POND ROAD – 7:00PM

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## **7:00PM - CALL TO ORDER**

Ken Tavares, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:        Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman  
                  Anthony F. Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman  
                  John Mahoney  
  
                  Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager  
                  Derek Brindisi, Assistant Town Manager

Before the meeting began, Ken Tavares asked the Board and the audience to join him in a moment of silence for John “Jack” Medeiros, a longtime Town employee that passed away on May 21, 2016. He explained that Mr. Medeiros served as the Recreation Director for many years and he passed on his condolences to Nancy, his wife of 44 years.

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## **7:03PM – JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE**

Jeff Metcalf and Annmarie Winchester came to the podium to give an update on the progress and planning of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Celebration.

Mr. Metcalf began by saying the Committee was well under way with their planning of the festivities. He thanked local businesses and residents saying that the parade wouldn’t happen without their donations and volunteering. Mr. Metcalf went on to say that to date they have raised \$60,000 which is half of what they need to fund these events. He finished by telling anyone who would like to get involved to either mail their request to PO Box 1776, Plymouth, MA 02362 or go to their website at [july4plymouth.com](http://july4plymouth.com).

Annmarie Winchester took the podium next and reiterated that all of the events have been combine on the website where you can make donations, register, find info on the parade, the road race, and a listing of bands and floats that will be in this year’s parade. Ms. Winchester said there was also a Facebook page with similar information including street closures during the events. She finished by saying the Plymouth Philharmonic will be playing a free concert at 7:30pm on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Both Jeff and Annmarie thanked the Board for their time.

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**7:10PM – MAINE GREENLINE – 1200 MW HVDC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

Stephen Conant, president of Maine GreenLine, came to the podium to do a presentation on a proposal to run a power cable from Maine to Plymouth. He began by thanking the Board for inviting him to the meeting. Mr. Conant also said that his first trip to Plymouth was on a 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip out of Lowell, MA and he expressed how much he enjoyed this town and still does, saying Plymouth is a great community.

Mr. Conant then went through his PowerPoint presentation and touched on some key facts. He stated that the power cable, known as submarine cable, would span 220 miles from Searsport, Maine to Plymouth, MA which would be buried 6 feet under the ocean floor. He explained that the cable would be roughly the circumference of a CD and would transport 1200 MW of electricity.

Mr. Conant said that the electricity would be generated by wind power and hydro power combined. He stated that the system as a whole has very little to no transmissions or pollutants. He also said that the AC/DC Converter Station would be about 5 stories tall and could be designed to look like whatever anyone wanted. He showed the audience a Converter Station in Vermont that was built to look like a giant barn. He finished by inviting the Selectmen and the general public to go onto their website and contact them with any questions or concerns.

Chairman Tavares then turned the comments over to the Board.

John Mahoney, Selectman, asked Mr. Conant about the New Jersey installation and how many jobs that plant created.

Stephen Conant replied by saying that these converter stations can literally be run and operated remotely and that they provide very few jobs.

Selectman Mahoney than asked Lynne Barret, Finance Director for the Town of Plymouth, what the revenue would be by having this plant in Town, to which Ms. Barrett said it would generate about \$1,000,000 in tax dollars for the Town.

Anthony Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman, asked Mr. Conant if the man objective was to run the cable ashore and connect it to the existing line from the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant.

Mr. Conant told him yes, that the current lines being used by the Pilgrim Plant would be able to handle the 1200 MW of power with very little adjustments.

Chairman Tavares thanked Mr. Conant and Maine GreenLine and said that he hoped they would seriously consider our community for this project and asked to be kept updates on the progress. He also urged the public to go onto their website for information.

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**7:28PM – PUBLIC HEARING – WATER/SEWER RATES**

Chairman Tavares opened the Public Hearing and gave another reminder of the Hearing schedule as follows:

- May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Presentation of proposed rate increases
- June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Public Comments
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Selectmen’s Vote

Jonathan Beder, Director of Public Works, came to the podium to give his PowerPoint Presentation on the Water/Sewer Rates that he and Lynne Barret, the Finance Director, propose based on the current budget and debt service.

Mr. Beder began by giving an overview of what the presentation would cover:

- Budget and Timeline
- Enterprise Fund-Indirect Costs
- Water and Sewer Rate Adjustment
- Rate Recommendations
- Sewer Emergency Timeline
- Conceptual Cost Sharing Options

Mr. Beder then called on Lynne Barrett, Finance Director, to come up and explain how budgets are created, how enterprise funds work, and how costs are allocated in order to come up with the proposed rates.

Lynne Barrett began by explaining the timeline of creating a budget and setting a rate:

- October-December: Staff develops budget and Finance Director and Town Manager review and recommend to the Board of Selectmen.
- January: Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen, Advisory and Finance Committee and School Committee on recommended budget.
- January-March: Budget Sub-Committee reviews with Town Staff and Public Hearing is held on Budget recommendations.
- April: Town Meeting votes and approves Budget.

Next, Lynne went over the Enterprise Fund Budget and how the allocations broke down into Salaries and Wages, Expenses, Debt, etc. She then turned it back over to Jonathan Beder.

Mr. Beder came back to the podium to present the actual rate increases that they propose. He started by showing a brief history of the enrollment numbers of water and sewer over the past five years to show the usage, which is a key factor in setting the rates. He then went over the water usage rates which were \$1.35 per cubic foot which they propose to increase to \$1.38 per cubic foot for Fiscal Year 17, which indicates a 2% increase. Mr. Beder then went on to the sewer rates saying that last year's rate was \$4.56 per cubic foot which is now proposed to be \$4.60 per cubic foot. This indicates a .8% increase over last year.

Lynne Barrett finished the presentation by touching on the Emergency Sewer Repairs and showed a PowerPoint Slide that described how dispersing the repair costs to just the users verses sharing the burden with general tax payers.

Chairman Tavares opened the discussion up to the Board.

Selectman Mahoney stated that it's not a bad thing to want to generate revenue, but urged that there needs to be a balance. He also said he's aware of the usage helping to build that revenue but conserving isn't a bad thing either.

Anthony Provenzano Jr stated that significant development is on the horizon for Plymouth and that the development will rely on the sewer system which will benefit all residents.

Jonathan Beder reiterated that the sewer system allows zoning changes which mean more development, and more development means more tax revenue for the town which in turn helps the average tax payer on a whole.

Chairman Tavares thanked both Mr. Beder and Ms. Barrett for their hard work on a great presentation. Mr. Tavares also reminded everyone of the next meeting which is being held on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm at Plymouth Community Intermediate School in the Little Theater. He said the public will be able to weigh in at that time and asked anyone wishing to speak see the administrator before the meeting to check in and leave your name and whether you were going to speak in favor or against the rate increases.

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## 8:20PM – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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## 8:21PM - LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

### LICENSES

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a One Day All Alcohol License for **Kenneth Gay and Holly Hess** for a wedding and cocktail reception being held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Memorial Hall. *Voted 3/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved the renewal of the following PediCab Operator Licenses for **Plymouth PediCab**: *Voted 3/0*

- Justin Figlioli, 49 Wagon Wheel Road, Plymouth, MA
- Michael Lincoln, 88 Early Red Circle, Plymouth, MA

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved an Amplified Music Permit for **Haylee Sabella**, 15 Capeview Drive, for Barn Shows being held on the following dates from 6:00pm to 9:00pm: June 18, 2016 – July 23, 2016 – August 20, 2016 – September 4, 2016. *Voted 3/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved an Amplified Music Permit for the **Alzheimer's Association** for the Walk to End Alzheimer's being held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Pilgrim Memorial State Park. *Voted 3/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved an Amplified Music Permit for **Goose Point Café** for a Trio Band playing on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 12:00pm to 9:pm at their concession stand.

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a Class II Auto Dealer's License for **Best Automotive Inc**, 520 Colony Place, Plymouth, MA. *Voted 3/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved a Class II Auto Dealer's License for **Shea's Auto Sales**, 21 Stafford Street. *Voted 3/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and second by John Mahoney, the Board approved an Annual All Alcohol Liquor License for **BS Management LLC**, 63 Long Pond Road, Plymouth, MA. *Voted 3/0*

## ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

The Board appointed Jane L. Freedman of 25 Tavern Path, Plymouth, MA to the No Place for Hate Committee.

The Board accepted a Grant from The Boston Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for General Operating Support recommended by Mrs. Maureen Da Silva McDonald.

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### **8:25pm - COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

Anthony Provenzano Jr reminded the Board that there was a vacancy on the Roads Advisory Committee that needs to be filled by a Selectman. Mr. Provenzano told the Chairman that he would like to volunteer for the seat.

Chairman Tavares stated that the open seats would be appointed later in June during the Committee interviews and that they would certainly consider Mr. Provenzano for that seat.

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### **8:30PM - OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Tavares wanted to remind everyone that this Thursday, May 26, 2016 is DPW Day at the Plymouth Public Library from 10:00am to 2:00pm. He said that this is a free event and it gives kids the chance to see and touch heavy equipment and meet some employees.

Mr. Tavares also wanted to let the Board know that he would like to nominate Conni DiLego, Director of the Center for Active Living (PCOA), for reelection to the Board of Directors for Old Colony Elder Services.

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### **8:35PM - ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by John Mahoney and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 8:25pm and enter into Executive Session, not to return to Open Session. *Voted 3/0 By Roll Call: Tavares-Yes, Provenzano-Yes, Mahoney-Yes*

**Recorded by:** Christopher Badot  
*Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen*