

Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Town Hall Mayflower Room, *7:00 PM*

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Chairman Tavares 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 T. Mahoney, Jr.
David Malaguti
Sean Page (Absent)

Melissa Arrighi , Town Manager

7:05 p.m. Report of 2015 Shichigahama Delegation

Chairman Tavares offers a warm welcome to the delegation of Shichigahama.

Selectman Provenzano: I serve as the liaison as the distinguished visitors committee and from all reports I've heard the official duties of the delegation went well.

Selectman Mahoney: The 18 of us that went over to represent the 25th anniversary of this relationship had a once in a lifetime experience.

Michelle Batcher: We just wanted to go through some of the slides to show our sister city experience. The welcome ceremony was amazing, there were 200 people there to welcome us and it was an amazing experience. We were able to hear about the update on the Tsunami and how it impacted the town of Shichigahama. The Plymouth house was incredible, they reconstructed the fort we have here there in order to honor us. The welcome dinner was where our students met their host families and we had a fantastic show with a drum circle and dancing. We were all able to attend the Sendai Tanabata Festival, it was a beautiful competition. We took a tour of the Shichigahama Middle School and the kids loved that, we also had art class there. At our goodbye ceremony at the airport, there was a wall of windows where we were able to say goodbye to our host families once again.

A variety of students come up to the podium to give their favorite memories from their trip to Shichigahama.

Chairman Tavares states that on behalf of the Plymouth Board of Selectmen I would like to thank the parents, chaperones, and students for all the efforts that went in to this trip. To the students, we are all very proud of you and you have learned a lesson that most people older than you have not yet experienced. The reports coming back from Selectman Mahoney were phenomenal.

7:15 p.m. Morton Park - Public Hearing

Chairman Tavares: We are going to approach the hearing by listening as a Board. We know there is a lot of information that will be given to us tonight. We will come back at a later night to discuss this again. The 3rd hearing will be held in the first week of December.

Mr. Lloyd Rosenberg from the friends of Morton Park takes the podium: I moved to Morton Park 28 years ago and I love the park and I'm sure that everyone else in the room feels the same way. A copy of the presentation can be found in the weekly packet.

Ms. Joanne Curin: I am a resident of Morton Park and I've lived there for years. I've woken up to people partying in my drive way and it isn't just the fourth of July, it is all the time during the summer. These people don't want to use the bathrooms, they would rather defecate over the park. The mess is just unbelievable. This is not just an issue of litter, it is a serious public health issue. Please consider making it residents only we would really appreciate it.

Sarah Levingston: My concern reaches beyond the borders of the park but the properties that surround it. I live there with my family and weekend after weekend I don't feel safe. We have droves of people walking through our driveway. We have even had cars drive into our driveway. We are all thankful you are making this a priority.

Kevin Larry: I have a property on Billington Sea, we live directly across from Hospital Point. Having the gate up at the park has made a big difference. By restricting this I seem to think you will have the same type of effect you had on Billington Sea. As some of these people have said, there literally are places where you don't walk down because they are littered with toilet paper. By taking the pond and bringing it back to Plymouth residents you will see such a tremendous improvement. That's my input. The presence of law enforcement is always a big deterrent.

Frank Alzheimer: I've talked to a lot of people who live at the pond and I've spent hours picking up trash to put in the barrels so we can walk through the woods and enjoy the park. On a typical morning during the weekdays, I'm out there fishing early and there are raccoons in the barrels trying to get through all the trash. Because it is the only trout pond north of cape cod with any kind of access it is very busy. Some provision has to be made for the licensed fisherman. I think to exclude all but Plymouth residents year round would be unfair to the fisherman.

Rick Stafford: I live on the rear entrance of Morton Park and I've been fighting people for 10 years so they don't come through my drive way so I put up a gate. It's about time we did something about this because it is totally out of control.

Jason Connor: I think we all know who is doing this. And as far as the fisherman they can fish somewhere else until we can get this straightened out.

Mike Leary: There is a lot of defecation going on at this part. Another point I want to make is Little Pond is a water table pond, that's why that side always comes up polluted.

Winn Gearhart: I do not live in Morton Park but I'm an avid swimmer and every year I look forward to getting out to Morton Park to swim. One of the things that is happening is the rest of the world is also enjoying our park and we have to figure out how to control that. My point of view is I work fulltime in Boston and I can only get to the park on the weekends or late at night. The biggest problem is pollution in the park, threats of fire, and the life guards

harassed. I like the idea of trying this somewhat drastic approach of keeping the park just for our residents who pay the taxes and pay for the services.

Lois Freeman: I've lived on the pond for 20 years now and I think its sad that if I'm watching TV I have to close my windows. Police have been better this year and I appreciate that.

Mike Barrett: I'm trained as an environmental scientist and I am not advocating one way or the other, I think that what all these points are getting at is that this is an enforcement issue. One issue of mine is the traffic on Morton Park road and the racing on that road. I would just like to see all the rules enforced.

Everett Malaguti: We've looked at these issues at the last few NRC's meeting. The Town has made a better attempt at enforcing the rules this year with the police. I think this is an enforcement issue. I think something has to be done and I don't think closing the park to only Plymouth residents is the answer, people are just going to walk through the woods whether or not they are Plymouth residents.

Robert Lever: I am a retired business man and I have two points to make. We know that the bottom is coming out of the middle class and more and more people are looking for a way to escape their lives. There will be blood. We have people coming in from summer street and they dump their trash there.

Mike Hargiss: We have been Plymouth residents for years now and we love the park. Every year we buy the beach sticker but we use it to go to Morton Park. We haven't gone to Morton Park in years because it isn't worth the trouble. I think its sad that a family that lives in Plymouth has to leave Plymouth to go find some peace.

Doug Gray: I've lived in Plymouth all my life. The problems going on in the park are real and it comes down to two issues. Enforcement and Management. It has to be manned and staffed for more than just the summer months, but there has to be enforcement there. The parking capacity is one thing, but what is the park capacity. You have to count the people coming in walking and bicycling. You have to come down hard on people. but don't keep a lot of good people from not being able to enjoy the park.

Mr. Alzheimer: The pond is undergoing gradual changes, there is probably double or triple the amount of weeds there. With the water dropping down we have to be careful of the capacity of the pond.

Chairman Tavares: On behalf of the Board I want to thank you all for coming out this evening. This summer I had the opportunity to visit the park this summer and I was able to experience some of the things you have talked about this evening. No later than the end of November we will set a date to find a way to alleviate some of the things we have heard about tonight. It was mentioned about the 5 p.m. closing which was done by the Board to help alleviate some of the stress on the park. We will have a date for you on Friday.

Selectman Provenzano: Thank you all for coming out and although 15 people came up to the podium they did all have different input to add so thank you.

Selectman Mahoney: We have to focus on the budgetary side of this as well. Whatever you need to change the conditions of the park we need to submit by December for the budgetary process. We have to be consistent every year.

Selectman Malaguti: We need to break this pattern. Everett was correct in saying that this is an issue bigger than just Morton Park, we need the money to enforce this. It's a management issue as well, this is beyond belief.

8:00 p.m Public Comment

Nancy Carroll takes the podium: I'm here to talk about the Town Wide cleanup we are doing it early this year. We collect about 900 bags every time we do this. October 3rd is the date we will be doing this cleanup. You can contact Patrick Farrah for your purple bags and we will pick it up from you after. Ms. Carroll hands out trash bags to the Board.

8:05 p.m Town Manager's Report

8:10 p.m. Licenses and Administrative Notes

Vehicle for Hire Operator (New) For Pilgrim Taxi - Jennifer Higgins

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

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

Exclusive Vending Rights - Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce - Plymouth
Barktoberfest 10/03/15 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nelson Park

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

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

Execute a License Agreement with Lobster Tales, Inc.

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

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Execute a License Agreement with Andy Lynn Charter Fishing

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

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

Execute a License Agreement with Wavelength Fishing Charters

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

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

Approve Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2015

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

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

Approve Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2015

A motion to Approve was made by Anthony Provenzano, Jr. and seconded by John Mahoney,and the

motion result was Passed.

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

Approve Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2015

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

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

Execute Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant

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

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

8:15 p.m. Committee Liaison/Designee Updates

Selectman Mahoney: I was able to attend the NRC committee meeting and I believe there will be a follow up meeting soon.

Chairman Tavares: The Planning Board has created a temporary Excavation of Material Bylaw Review Committee to review the existing Excavation of Material Zoning Bylaw and prepare possible amendments for the Planning Board's consideration. Would any members of the Board be willing to serve as the designee on this committee?

Selectman Malaguti: I would like to serve as the designee on the this committee.

8:20 p.m. Old Business/Letters/New Business

Selectman Malaguti: The first letter I have is regarding Dr. Desouza and the packet he gave regarding water quality. The second letter we all received is in praise of our local veterans agent Roxanne Whitbeck and what a wonderful asset she is to the town of Plymouth. I would have to agree with that statement as this isn't the first time I've heard it. I would like to thank Roxanne for all her hard work.

The Board echoes Selectman Malaguti's sentiment.

8:25 p.m. Executive Session

The Selectmen will hold an Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, [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 [not](#) reconvene in open session.

On a motion by Selectman Malaguti, seconded by Selectman Mahoney at 9:02 p.m. the Board voted to enter executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, as an open meeting on this matter may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the body. By roll call: Mahoney – yes, Malaguti - yes, Provenzano – yes, and Tavares – yes.

Chairman Tavares noted that, following executive session, the Board would not reconvene in

open session.

Meeting minutes recorded by: *Annikka Bernabe* (Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen)

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