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Amend Chapter 5-3-1 by adding language as follows:

Section 3 Time of Taking Office

5-3-1 Any person duly elected to any office or board shall take up the duties of the office immediately upon certification, provided that such person shall first have been sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of that office by the Town Clerk *within 30 days from Date of Election*,
Or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0)

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 26. Approval of this article amends Chapter 5-3-1 of the Charter, adding a time frame of 30 days to swear in newly elected officials.

Plymouth Charter Review Committee 2015

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Presently, the Town Clerk does not have a means to require newly elected person to appear to be sworn in. This change will allow the Town Clerk to communicate to a newly elected person the date upon which they must appear to be sworn in.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE 2015

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