

At a legal meeting of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth held on 8 April 2013, the following business was transacted under Article Twenty-nine.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 205-19 Signs, to allow Community Information Display Boards for kindergarten through twelfth grade schools (a Community Information Display Board is illuminated by internal Light Emitting Diodes (LED) and used as a community communication tool), as well as amend associated definitions, procedures, and schedules, or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 29: Mr. Moody moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 205-19 Signs, to allow Community Information Display Boards for kindergarten through twelfth grade schools in accordance with the “FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND ITS ZONING BYLAW, SECTION 205-19 SIGNS, TO ALLOW SCHOOL INFORMATION DISPLAY BOARDS FOR ACTIVE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE SCHOOLS”

2013

Annual Town Meeting

Article 29

FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF
THE PLANNING BOARD TO SEE IF THE TOWN
WILL VOTE TO AMEND ITS ZONING BYLAW, SECTION 205-19 SIGNS,
TO ALLOW SCHOOL INFORMATION DISPLAY BOARDS FOR ACTIVE KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE SCHOOLS

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: December 19, 2012
December 26, 2012
DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 7, 2013

VOTE: On January 7, 2013, the Planning Board voted (4-0) to **support** the following amendment to Town Meeting:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
Underlined words added

§ 205-19.Signs. [Amended 4-21-1974 ATM by Art. 65; 4-17-1975 ATM by Art. 68; 4-10-1976 ATM by Art. 56; 4-24-1979 ATM by Art. 66; 4-20-1982 STM by Art. 44; 4-2-1983 ATM by Art. 29; 4-5-1989 ATM by Art. 31; by 10-26-2004 FTM by Article 21;]

B. **Definition.** As used herein, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings. For the convenience of the reader, other terms have been defined in other parts of this section to which they specifically apply but shall not be deemed less valid by reason of their omission from this subsection [see the definition of "size" in Subsection C(1)(b)].

SCHOOL INFORMATION DISPLAY BOARD– A device illuminated by internal Light Emitting Diodes (LED) and used as a community communication tool.

G. **Special regulations.**

- (1) **Filling station.** Gasoline filling stations and garages may divide the one architectural sign affixed to the front wall of the building to which they are entitled as hereinabove provided into separate signs affixed to and parallel to such wall and indicating the separate operations or departments of the business. In addition, one sign standing or otherwise indicating the company whose gasoline is being sold and the price of gasoline being sold may be erected of such type, in such location, and in such manner as is otherwise permitted. The standard type of gasoline pump bearing thereon in usual size and form the name of the type of gasoline and the price thereof shall not be deemed to be in violation of this bylaw. Temporary or moveable signs of any and every type are specifically prohibited.
- (2) **Uses or activities above first floor.** Such uses or establishments may display architectural and/or hanging architectural signs as permitted under this bylaw for first floor tenants provided that this sign or signs and the signs otherwise permitted for the first floor establishments do not in combination exceed the dimensional limits for placement of signs for the first floor establishments.
- (3) **Iconographic signs.** An iconographic sign may be erected in lieu of a sign otherwise permitted by this bylaw if it meets the dimensional regulations for the sign for which it is being substituted.
- (4) **School Information Display Boards.** School Information Display Boards are allowed for active kindergarten through twelfth grade schools provided such boards:
 - (i) Do not exceed 24 square feet in size;
 - (ii) Are located adjacent to the school's primary entrances; and
 - (iii) Do not obstruct vehicular sight-lines.

NEED AND JUSTIFICATION

Nationally, school information display boards have become a common tool for conveying information related to various school activities and events. The Plymouth School Department would like to activate the display board located at Plymouth North High School and possibly install similar boards at other schools.

This amendment limits the location of display boards to active K through 12 schools. Display boards will continue to be prohibited for all other uses.

The board can only be illuminated by Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

INTENT

The intent of this amendment is to allow for the installation of information display boards for each school located in Plymouth.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

 Marc Garrett, Chairman

 Paul McAlduff

 Malcolm MacGregor

 William Wennerberg

Tim Grandy

BEING A MAJORITY OF THE PLANNING BOARD

DATE SIGNED BY THE PLANNING BOARD: _____

DATE FILED WITH TOWN CLERK: _____

c: Town Clerk
Board of Selectmen
Advisory and Finance Committee

Mr. Abbott moves to amend the main motion by adding the following:
Section 205-19 G. (4) (iv): “are located within the Obery Street Overlay District.”

Mr. Howe moved the previous question on the motion to amend.
The motion PASSED.

On the motion to amend, the motion PASSED on a counted vote with 57 in favor and 53 opposed.

Mr. Howe moved the previous question on the motion.
The motion PASSED.

On the main motion, the motion PASSED on a negative roll call with 13 in opposition.

I hereby certify that there was a quorum present at the Annual Town Meeting at which this action was taken.

Witness my hand and seal of the Town of Plymouth this day, May 21, 2013.

Laurence R. Pizer
Town Clerk