

2016 Annual Town Meeting
April 2, 2016

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation to establish a "Environmental Affairs Fund". The revenues from renewable energy PILOT payments shall be placed in such Fund, which shall be dedicated in its entirety to costs related to environmental projects to include mitigation, land acquisition, water quality assessments, stormwater improvement, river restoration, or as a local grant match to other State and/or federal related environmental grant opportunities, or take any other action relative thereto.

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To: Advisory and Finance Committee
Cc: Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
From: Derek S. Brindisi, Assistant Town Manager
Date: February 4, 2016
Re: **Article 10- ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FUND**

Selectman Mahoney moved at a previous Board of Selectmen meeting that the Town establish a special fund utilizing revenues generated from payment-in-lieu-of -taxes (PILOT) agreements with various renewable energy firms. Under the authority of the Town Manager, the Fund will be managed by the Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs for the purposes of various environmental projects to include mitigation, land acquisition, water quality assessments, stormwater improvement and river restoration. Additionally this Fund may be used for a grant match for potential environmental related funding opportunities. Below is a draft of the Special Act.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH TO ESTABLISH AN
"ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FUND"**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 53 of chapter 44, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Plymouth is hereby authorized to establish in the town treasury a special fund to be known as the "Environmental Affairs Fund" into which account shall be deposited certain revenues derived from PILOT agreements for renewable energy as received annually by the Town and as accepted by the Plymouth Town Meeting April 2nd 2016.

SECTION 2. The revenue generated from renewable energy PILOT agreements shall be designated in their entirety to costs related to environmental projects to include mitigation, land acquisition, water quality assessments, stormwater improvement, river restoration, or as a local grant match to other State and/or federal related environmental grant opportunities. Said revenue shall be expended upon annual appropriation of Town Meeting for the designated purposes.

SECTION 3. The Town Manager shall be empowered to expend from the Environmental Affairs Fund those funds appropriated by Town Meeting for the designated purposes.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

