

ARTICLE 24:

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, Section 205-19: Signs, as on file with the Town Clerk, to allow School Information Display Boards for High Schools, grades nine through twelve (a School 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.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 24. Town Meeting approval of this article will extend the zoning bylaw change approved by Town Meeting in 2013 to permit use of the illuminated school information display board at Plymouth North High School to a similar device that will be installed as part of the construction of Plymouth South High School. The board at PSHS will be placed on the entrance/access road to the schools approximately 630 feet from Long Pond Road to minimize unintentional effects of the illuminated board on homes in the area.

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 16, 2015
December 23, 2015
DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 4, 2016

VOTE: On January 4, 2016, the Planning Board voted (5-0) 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; 4-6-2013 ATM by Art. 29]

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 high schools (Grades 9-nine through 12-twelve) 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;
- (iii) Do not obstruct vehicular sight-lines and-
- (iv) Are located within the Obery Street Overlay District or Rural Residential (RR) District.

NEED AND JUSTIFICATION

Nationally, school information display boards have become a common tool for conveying information related to student safety, various school activities and community events. The Plymouth School Department would like to install a display board located at Plymouth South High School.

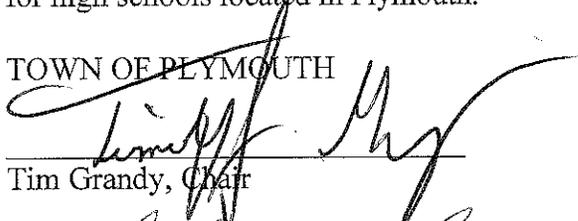
This amendment limits the location of display boards to high schools, (grades nine through twelve). Display boards will continue to be prohibited for all other uses.

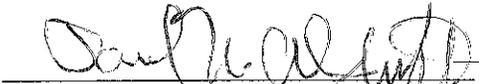
The board can only be illuminated by Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

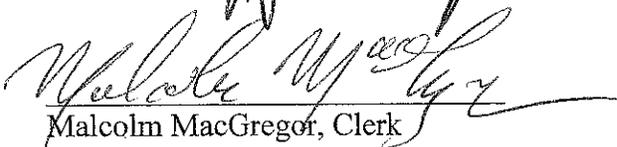
INTENT

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

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH


 Tim Grandy, Chair


 Paul McAluff, Vice Chair


 Malcolm MacGregor, Clerk


 Marc Garrett


 Kenneth Buechs

BEING A MAJORITY OF THE PLANNING BOARD

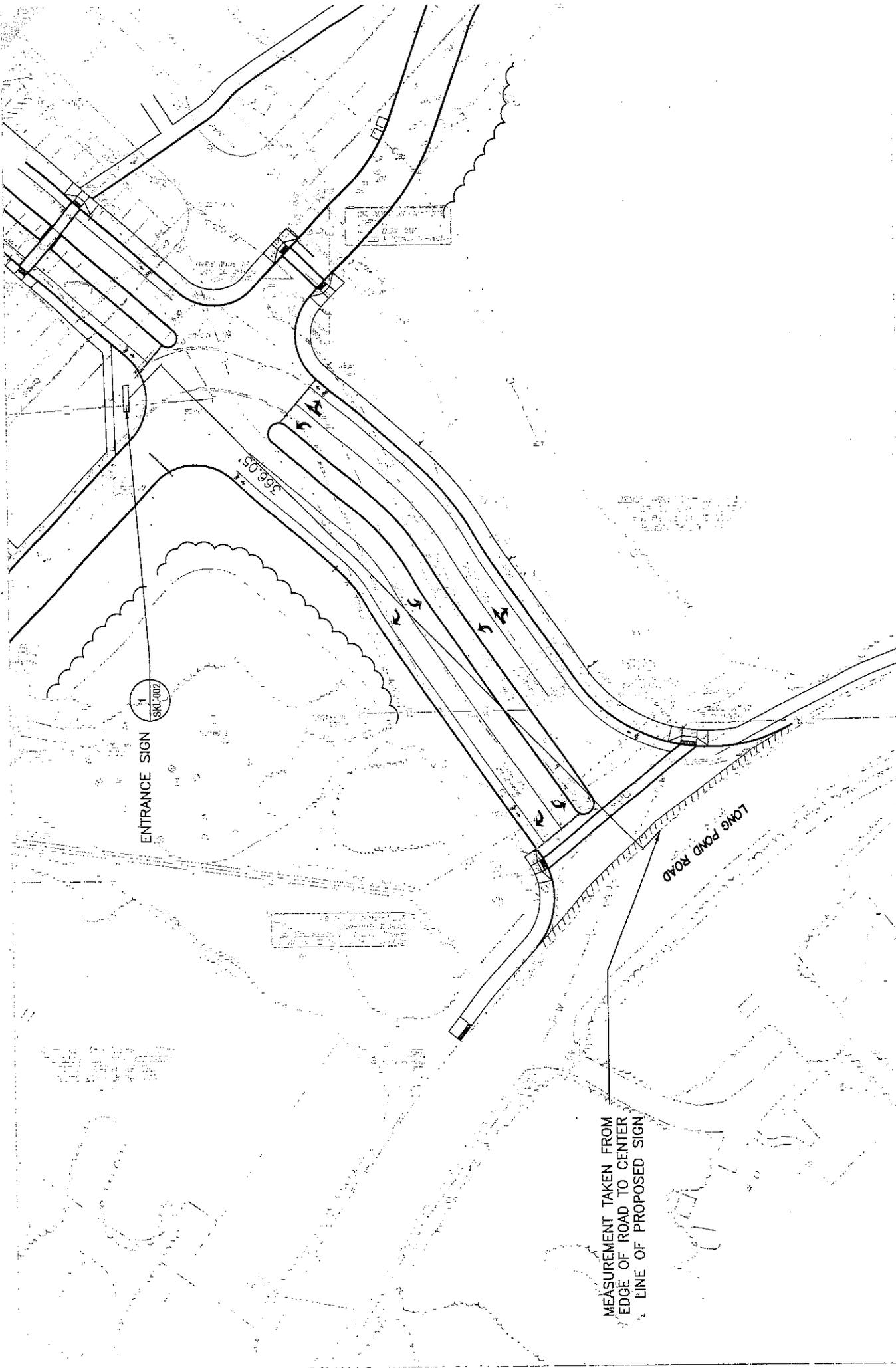
DATE SIGNED BY THE PLANNING BOARD:

January 11, 2016

DATE FILED WITH TOWN CLERK:

January 12, 2016

c: Town Clerk
 Board of Selectmen
 Advisory and Finance Committee



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LONG POND ROAD

MEASUREMENT TAKEN FROM
EDGE OF ROAD TO CENTER
LINE OF PROPOSED SIGN

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