ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, Section 205-27, Special permit uses, as on file with the Clerk, to allow by right public safety buildings and uses in all districts, as well as amend associated definitions, procedures, and schedules, or take any other action relative thereto.

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FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAW TO ALLOW BY-RIGHT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS AND USES IN ALL DISTRICTS

DATE OF PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 6, 2016
January 13, 2016

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 25, 2016

VOTE: On January 25, 2016, the Planning Board voted (4-0) to support the following amendment to Town Meeting:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
(underlined wording added)
(strikethrough wording deleted)

§205-27. Special permit uses.

E. **Town buildings and uses.** Except for public safety buildings and uses, which are allowed by-right in all districts, other Town buildings and uses require a special permit p~~P~~rovided that such uses shall be in character with the surrounding district, and that no use of an industrial or commercial nature (such as a town garage) shall be located in a residential zone.

NEED AND JUSTIFICATION

Providing adequate public safety coverage for Town residents is critical. Public safety buildings and uses include fire stations, police stations and emergency management facilities. The special permit process adds time and significant costs (to the taxpayers) to the construction of public facilities.

Furthermore, such projects are fully vetted through the Town's Building Committee's review process and site plan review through the Planning Board which serve as forums for public participation.

INTENT

The intent of this amendment to protect the health, safety and welfare of Plymouth's residents by allowing by-right the construction of public safety facilities and uses throughout the Town of Plymouth.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Tim Grandy, Chair

Malcolm MacGregor

Paul McAlduff

Kenneth Buechs

Marc Garrett

BEING A MAJORITY OF THE PLANNING BOARD

DATE SIGNED BY THE PLANNING BOARD: February 1, 2016

DATE FILED WITH TOWN CLERK: February 2, 2016

cc: Town Clerk
Board of Selectman
Advisory and Finance Committee