

ADVISORY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following meeting of the Advisory & Finance Committee has been posted and will be held

At: Plymouth Town Hall
Mayflower II Meeting Room
11 Lincoln Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

On: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00PM

Items on the agenda will include but are not limited to the following.

Other discussion may include items that were not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48-hours in advance of the meeting posting.

Call to Order

Public Comment

Agenda Items

- Annual Town Meeting Article
 - 21 – Alarm Systems Chief Mike Botieri, Police Dept.

- Special Town Meeting Articles
 - 4 – Amend 2015 ATM Article 8 Lynne Barrett, Director of Finance
 - 5 – Solar Pilot – Exit 5 “
 - 6 – Stabilization Fund - Nuclear “
 - 7 – Debt Rescindment “

Old/New/Other Business

- Sub-Committee & Committee Liaison Updates

Meeting Minutes

None

Public Comment

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 10 at 7PM, Mayflower II Meeting Room, Town Hall

Annual Town Meeting
April 2, 2016

ARTICLE 21:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Law Section 14-2. List of persons authorized to respond to alarm, by deleting the following sentence.

~~Every alarm user shall submit to the Police Chief the names and telephone numbers of at least two other persons who are authorized to respond to an emergency signal transmitted by an alarm system and who can open the premises wherein the alarm system is installed.~~

And by adding the following sentences in its place:

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or take any action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
POLICE DEPARTMENT
20 Long Pond Road
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

(508) 830-4218
FAX: (508) 830-4227

To: Advisory & Finance Committee

From: Chief Michael E. Botieri

Date: January 28, 2016

Rea: Article 21 – Alarm By-Law

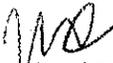
The Alarm By-Law needs to modify in order to successfully collect the fees associated with the By-Law. In order to process the violation the courts have mandated that an individual must be identified as the responsible party for every business. The changes to the By-Law will mandate the identification of the responsible party as well as their contact information in order to process the violation. See the following proposed language change:

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Michael E. Botieri

Chief of Police



Special Town Meeting
April 2, 2016

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the amount appropriated under Article 8 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of repair/purchase/lease/replacement of departmental equipment, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Plymouth
Finance Department

To: Advisory & Finance Committee
Board of Selectmen

From: Lynne A. Barrett
Department of Finance 

Subject: Special Town Meeting Article 4 – Amend 2015 ATM Article 8

Date: January 29, 2016

At the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, \$4,000 was approved for Article 8 Item KK: Acoustic Buoys and the funding source was grants.

I would like to amend the appropriation for this item from \$4,000 to \$2,138.66 and the source from grants to general fund free cash.

Thank you for your support of this article.

Special Town Meeting
April 2, 2016

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G. L. c.59, §38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into an agreement for payments in lieu-of- taxes ("PILOT"), for a 0.5 MW –AC (more or less) solar photovoltaic energy generating facility for MA Highway Solar, LLC (or its affiliates, successors or assigns) to be located on property described as Plymouth Route 3 Interchange Exit 5 , upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relating thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Town of Plymouth
Finance Department**

TO: Board of Selectmen and Advisory & Finance Committee
 FROM: Lynne A. Barrett, Director of Finance
 RE: **2016 Special Town Meeting - Article 5 – Solar PILOT
 Plymouth Route 3 Interchange Exit 5**
 DATE: January 29, 2016



Article 13 of the Spring 2013 Special Town Meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to negotiate one or more agreements for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1 for property relating to renewable energy generation facilities. The town has since entered into several PILOT agreements. Because of the state statute, communities are allowed to tax these facilities through a negotiated PILOT agreement.

This fall, MA Highway Solar LLC submitted their required documentation to the Director of Assessing for review for a 0.5 MWAC Solar Photovoltaic facility located at Plymouth Route 3 Interchange Exit 5.

A PILOT agreement can be beneficial to both the developer and the Town; some of the advantages are but not limited to:

Developer	Town
1. Set stream of payments known at the beginning of the project for cost evaluation or financing.	1. Set stream of payments for tax billing purposes based on an initial evaluation of cost for appraisal versus on an annual basis. Lowers our transaction cost by avoiding a 3 year certification / valuation appraisal.
	2. Because the facility is considered personal property the town could not perfect a lien like we can with real estate if it went unpaid. We would seek remedy under a violation of the contract terms.
	3. Removes the risk of disagreement of the value and potential for requests for abatement.
	4. Negotiated PILOTS with solar developers prompt development of renewable energy in the Town of Plymouth.

By using the income approach to value a rate of \$12,500 per MWAC was the negotiated amount for the PILOT. The term of the agreement will be for 20 years and will include an annual escalator of 2.5%.

A vote of Town Meeting is required to adopt the PILOT agreement. Your consideration and endorsement of this PILOT is appreciated. Thank you for your attention.

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ARTICLE 6:

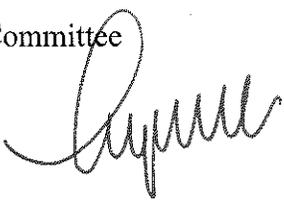
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the following Stabilization Funds, as authorized by the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B as amended,

- a. Nuclear Plant Mitigation Stabilization Fund
or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Plymouth
Finance Department

TO: Board of Selectmen
Advisory & Finance Committee

FROM: Lynne A. Barrett 
Director of Finance

RE: Article 6 STM – Nuclear Plant Mitigation Stabilization Fund

DATE: January 29, 2016

The Town has made a commitment to continually set aside available funds for the Nuclear Plant Mitigation fund; now more than ever this is very important in light of Entergy's recent announcement of closure sometime in the near future. These funds are being set aside for future use as it relates to the Entergy Nuclear Power Plant and the effect that plant would have on the Town's budget.

Possible future effects could include the following but are not limited to:

1. Decreases in the tax payment from Entergy because of closure or discontinued operations or changes in their tax payment that were not planned or budgeted for.
2. Loss of funding from Entergy for the annual operations of the town's Emergency Management Operation or any other funding that they provide to the Town that we don't provide for ourselves.
3. Other costs associated with the Town's efforts to protect itself during the closing and decommissioning process.

Keep note that any future spending from this account would require a 2/3rds vote of town meeting.

The recommendation is to transfer \$750,000 from Overlay Surplus certified by the board of Assessors to the Nuclear Plant Mitigation Stabilization Fund. The current balance in this account is \$2,886,924.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Special Town Meeting
April 2, 2016

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following unused borrowing authority,

Article 9B3 2012 ATM Water Street Bridge	\$ 700,000
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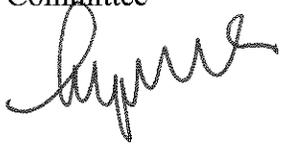
Article 9B3 2013 Federal Furnace HVAC	\$1,380,000
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or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Plymouth
Finance Department

TO: Board of Selectmen
Advisory & Finance Committee

FROM: Lynne A. Barrett 
Director of Finance

RE: Article 7 STM – Rescind Unused Borrowing Authority

DATE: January 29, 2016

Based on the following completion and of the following projects, I recommend the following amounts of borrowing authorizations be rescinded:

Art 9B3 2012 ATM	Water Street Bridge	\$ 700,000
Art 9B3 2013 ATM	Federal Furnace HVAC	\$1,380,000

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.