

June 12 2023 Precinct 17 Caucus Meeting Minutes

Location: Redbrook Trailer

Precinct 17 Member Attendees: Bill Licata, Joseph Hutchinson, Kathy Bell, Al Dinardo, Lori Downs, Lorenzo Pizarro, Susan Arenstam, and Alexis Coon

Absent: Pamela Hastings

Other Attendees: Susie Affleck-Childs

Discussion/presentations

- Introduction
- Approved May 8, May 22, and June 6 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Report from COPC : no May meeting. Due to the elections COPC will reorganize. COPC will vote on appointment committee members.
- Town Boards Updates and Reports:
 - Town meeting will be asked to approve money to implement Master Plan this fall. Once money approved, consultant group will be hired for final work on the draft, updated Master Plan. It will take ~ 18-24 months for new master plan to be finalized. Master plan task force currently has 2 openings.
 - AI: ZBA voted against 45 foot proposed height for marina building (75K had been approved at town meeting in fall 2022 to fund maintaining a historic waterfront facade). 35' building is allowed only.
- Old Business:
 - Traffic Mitigation
 - Status of questionnaire poll:
 - ❖ South Wareham area (White Island Pond) – 37 completed polls received to date. Poll to be closed within the week.
 - ❖ Redbrook residents poll on River Run Way and Wareham Rd intersection to be sent out within the next week.

New Business:

- Develop article for a future town meeting to preserve more of Plymouth Waterfront land as historic.
 - Planning Board is key to this work. Bill will spearhead this initial effort, potential discussions with:
 - Chairs for precinct 3 and 4;
 - Planning Board
 - Marine (Dave Gould)
 - Economic development
 - Historic commission
 - Downtown steering committee
- Proposed charter was voted down last May 2023 by Plymouth residents. Pieces of it may be salvaged by:

- Charter review committee forming now to see what can be adopted Town moderator, select board and COPC a representative (the Appointment Committee) meeting June 16th to appoint Charter Review Committee members.
- The Charter Review Committee will review current charter, the proposed (failed) charter, and other non-structural amendments to the current charter that might be useful to the town. A revision document will be created and voted on by Town Meeting. If approved, that Revision will go to Beacon Hill for approval.
- Note: charter had included language that assured the new updated Master Plan to be integral to town departments functioning. Since the Charter failed, very important to choose the right consultant group for finalization of updated Master Plan.
- Lorenzo, Suzie, and Joe to meet to discuss the current Master Plan status. Note: Master plan task force has 2 openings.
- Planning and Education: Beginning conversation on Water in South Plymouth. Scott McMillan will present to us on this topic in September.
- Village Steering Committee
 - Began to explore the idea of developing a village steering committee for South Plymouth; other areas of town are served by one,
 - Steering committees are based on Village Master Plans.
 - To form steering committee will need assistance from Planning dept and potentially include Precincts 15, 16, and 17.
- Bill : should we ask town to request from federal government the Plymouth (Gurnet) lighthouse? It's free to whatever group wants it, with caveat that the lighthouse functionality must be maintained. Have until July 20th for town to request it from the Federal Government.
 - Bill to speak with Dave Gould (Director of Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs).
 - Duxbury and Plymouth could potentially jointly own it
- AI would like all town meetings to use Zoom. Any municipal posted meeting – either change policy or new bylaw.
- Kathy asked that that we take one summer month off from meeting - if there is no urgent business at that time. Precinct 17 meeting Chair to determine which, if any, month will not include a caucus meeting.
- Public Comment: None
- Adjourn