

## **SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Saturday, April 1, 2023

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

### **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Plymouth, qualified to consider and vote on articles at the Spring Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth, to meet in a hybrid format, on Saturday, the First day of April 2023, at 8:00 AM, with information necessary for the Moderator, Town Meeting members, Town officials and interested members of the public to access and witness the deliberations and actions taken at the Town Meeting as follows:

Town Meeting members will have the option to be in person at Plymouth North High School at 41 Obery Street in Plymouth, MA using an electronic voting clicker to take actions or remotely using telecast through Zoom Webinar videoconferencing platform for their deliberations and the use of V-Voter to take actions remotely.

Town Officials will provide information through the Zoom Webinar videoconferencing platform.

Interested members of the public will be able to view the meeting through PACTV, Channel 15 (Comcast) or Channel 47 (Verizon) or [pactv.org/live](https://pactv.org/live). Individuals not otherwise lawfully entitled to speak will have the opportunity to speak through the Zoom Webinar videoconferencing platform with 48-hours advanced notice given to and permission granted by the Town Moderator.

Registered Town of Plymouth voters wishing to participate in the hybrid Spring Annual Town Meeting shall submit a request to participate in the Meeting to the Town Clerk not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2023 commencing at 8:00 AM. Upon receipt of the request and verification of the requester's voter registration status, the Town Clerk shall provide to the requester instructions for participating in the remote Town Meeting.

To act on the following articles to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:** No action

**ARTICLE 2:** To hear the reports of the several Boards and Officers and Committees of the Town thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §53E 1/2 to establish the fiscal year 2024 spending limits for each revolving fund established by Chapter 143 of the General By-laws, Departmental Revolving Funds, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what action the Town will take pursuant to Chapter 173 of the General By-Laws regarding the formation, reformation, organization, continuation or discharge of existing Committees created by vote of Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 5:** No action

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what action the Town will take pursuant to G.L. c.41, §108 with regard to fixing the salaries of elected Town Officials, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7A:** To see what action the Town will take to provide a reserve fund and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7B:** To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the water enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7C:** To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the sewer enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7D:** To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the solid waste enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7E:** To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the airport enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7F:** To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the cable public access enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 8:** No action

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the construction and/or repair and/or purchase and/or lease and/or replacement of departmental buildings and/or equipment and/or capital facilities for various departments of the Town and/or for feasibility and other types of studies, and to authorize contracts or lease/purchase agreements for such purposes for terms of three or more years, as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

ITEM	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
A1	Information Technology	Public Safety MDT Replacements
A2	Information Technology	Municipal Network Expansion
A3	Information Technology	Records Digitization
A4	Information Technology	VOIP Implementation Completion
A5	Information Technology	MFA Implementation
A6	Information Technology	Cyber Posture Assessment & Implementation
A7	Information Technology	Expand Wireless Infrastructure
A8	Police Department	Crime Scene Vehicle Replacement
A9	Police Department	Fuel Pump Replacement
A10	Police Department	Training / Roll Call Room A/V Update
A11	Fire Department	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacements
A12	Fire Department	Fire Prevention / Code Enforcement Vehicle Replacements
A13	School Building Repair Program	Repair and Paint Walls - NMES
A14	School Building Repair Program	Brick and Window Seal Repair - MES
A15	School Building Repair Program	Sidewalk Repairs - CSES
A16	School Building Repair Program	Replace Gymnasium Floor - NMES
A17	School Building Repair Program	Lot Paving and Lining - PSMS
A18	School Building Repair Program	Track Resurfacing - PNHS

A19	School Vehicle & Equip Replacement Program	Kubota with Mower and Snow Blower
A20	School Building Repair Program	Replace Gymnasium Floor - HES
A21	School Vehicle & Equip Replacement Program	Ford F250 Utility with Plow
A22	School Vehicle & Equip Replacement Program	Ford 7D Van
A23	School Vehicle & Equip Replacement Program	Ford F250 Utility with Plow
A24	School Vehicle & Equip Replacement Program	Ford Econovan
A25	DPW - Highway	Ford F350 Replacement
A26	DPW - Highway	25-Ton Trailer Replacement
A27	DPW - Highway	Catch Basin Truck Replacement
A28	DPW - Highway	Traffic Signal Upgrades
A29	DPW - Facilities	HVAC Repairs
A30	DPW - Facilities	Fire Alarm / Sprinkler System Replacements
A31	DPW - Facilities	Interior Upgrades / Repairs
A32	DPW Utilities (Solid Waste)	Packer Replacement
A33	DPW - Fleet	Fuel Efficiency Program
A34	DPW - Fleet	Vehicle Lift Replacement
A35	DMEA	Morton Park Culverts - Engineering & Permitting
A36	DMEA	Pump-Out Boat Replacement
A37	DPW - Crematory	Cremation Processing Machine
A38	DPW - Cemetery	Design Cemetery Space
A39	Parks & Forestry	1-Ton Dump Truck with Interchangeable Beds
A40	Parks & Forestry	Compact Utility Loader with Attachments
A41	DPW - Sewer	Effluent Air Release Valves
A42	DPW - Sewer	Uninterruptible Power Sources
A43	DPW - Sewer	SBR #3 Pump
A44	DPW - Sewer	Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan
A45	DPW - Water	N Plymouth & S Pine Hills Water Tank Rehabs
A46	DPW - Water	New Source Exploration
A47	Municipal Airport	Runway 6/24 Design and Permitting

or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to replace the existing Town of Plymouth Classification and Compensation Plan and Personnel Bylaw approved at the April 2022 Spring Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plymouth Classification and Compensation Plan and Personnel Bylaw contained therein, or take any action other action relative thereto.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend such sum or sums of money allotted or to be allotted to the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 or under any other state roadway reimbursement programs for FY 2024, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for such purposes; and further, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts, or to take any other action relative thereto.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Promotion Fund created pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1993, a sum of money for programs and projects that enhance the beautification, recreational resources, public safety, promotional and marketing activities, events, services and public improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 14:** No action

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), for the purposes of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: sewer tie-ins or the repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements between the Board of Health and residential property owners; including without limitation, the payment of all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws and all costs incidental or related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **PLANNING AND DEVOLPMENT**

**ARTICLE 16:** No action

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 1, § 1-4. Fine Schedule, by adding the underlined and italicized and deleting strikethroughs text as follows:

Section	Subject	Fine
14-6A	False alarm service	
	First 3 offenses	No fine
	Fourth offense	<del>\$25</del> <u><i>\$50</i></u>
	Fifth offense	<del>\$50</del> <u><i>\$125</i></u>
	Subsequent offenses	<del>\$75</del> <u><i>\$200</i></u>

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 23, § 23-11. License fees of the Town General Bylaws by adding the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

*B. Further, the Town will charge a late fee of \$15 to be paid by owners or keepers of record each year who license said dog or dogs on or after April 1. All money received from issuance of dog licenses by the Town of Plymouth or recovered as fines or penalties by said Town under provisions of MGL c. 140 relating to dogs, shall be paid into the general fund of the Town. The late fee will be waived for any new dogs to the community registered after the deadline.*

**TOWN CLERK**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend 3 sections of Chapter 173 of the Town General Bylaws:

- §173-1. Ballot voting,
- §173-3. Meeting and election dates
- §173-11. Number of Town Meeting members; terms of office. [Added 4-5-1980 STM by Art. 5; amended 4-6-1987 ATM by Art. 14; amended by Section 2-2-1 of 1999 Charter]

by adding the underlined and italicized and deleting strikethroughs text as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

§ 173-1. Ballot voting.

A. The Town Meeting shall always operate in open session. ~~Secret ballots shall be used on any questions only by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. (Contained in the Town Charter.<sup>1</sup>)~~

B. The Moderator may take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner in which he or she conducts the taking of a vote when a majority is required. [Added 10-27-1997 STM by Art. 2]

§ 173-3. Meeting and election dates. [Amended 11/2/99 by Article 18]

The Town Meeting shall meet annually on the first Saturday in April and at such other times as may be determined by vote of the Town Meeting. The regular election for all town offices shall be by official ballot held on the ~~second~~*third* Saturday in May of each year. (Contained in the Town Charter) The Fall Annual Town Meeting shall convene on the [Deleted 4/19/12 ATM by Article 22] ~~fourth Monday in October~~ [Added 4/19/12 ATM by Article 22] the third Saturday in October; provided, however, the Board of Selectmen may, consistent with G.L. c39, §9, delay the date of said Fall Annual Town Meeting to a date no later than November 30. [Last Sentence Added 11/2/99 by Article 18]

§ 173-11. Number of Town Meeting members; terms of office. [Added 4-5-1980 STM by Art. 5; amended 4-6-1987 ATM by Art. 14; amended by Section 2-2-1 of 1999 Charter]

The number of Town Meeting members shall be fixed at ~~104~~ 162, ~~eight~~ nine from each of the ~~13~~ 18 precincts, and members shall be elected for three-year overlapping terms. This section shall become effective for the ~~1988~~ 2021 Annual Town Election. (Section 2-1-1, Chapter 2, Plymouth Town Charter.) (Section 2-2-1 of the 1999 Charter effectively amends this Section by eliminating the fixed total of Town Meeting Members, the number from each precinct, and the fixed number of precincts.)

#### **TOWN CLERK**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the status of 73 Colchester Dr. (attached map circled lot #81) parcel # 096-000-019-081 to a buildable lot. This lot is a virtual duplicate to surrounding lots with houses and was deemed buildable from the development of Micajah Heights in 1960, sold as a buildable lot in 1960, again in 1968, seized by Plymouth as buildable lot in 1972 attempted to be auctioned by Plymouth as buildable in 1975, or to take any other action relative thereto:

**BY PETITION: William P. Tolland Jr., et al**

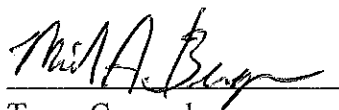
And you are hereby required to serve this warrant in the manner prescribed by vote of the Town by posting notice thereof fourteen (14) days at least before such meeting in the Town Hall, in the Town's Libraries and posted on the Town's website, and make return thereof with your doings thereon at the time and places above mentioned.


Given under our hands this 21 day of February 2023.

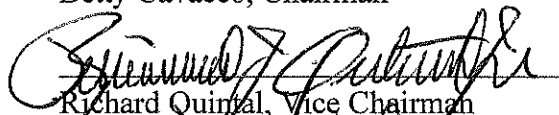
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SELECT BOARD

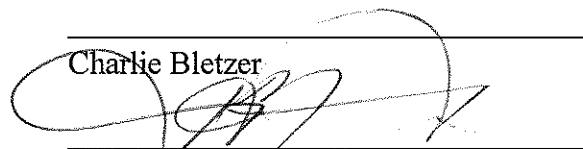

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Town Counsel

  
Betty Cavacco, Chairman

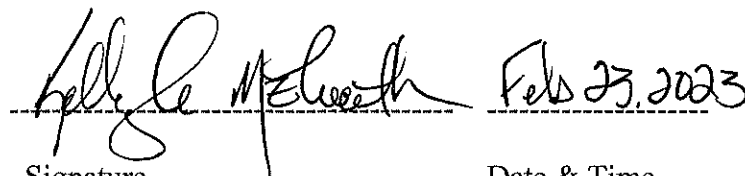
  
Richard Quintal, Vice Chairman

  
Harry Helm

  
Charlie Bletzer  
  
John Mahoney

Plymouth, ss.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this day notified and warned the Inhabitants of Plymouth qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in Plymouth North High School or to meet virtually by remote participation on Saturday, the First Day of April, 2023, at 8:00AM to conduct the Annual Business Meeting of the Town of Plymouth, by posting copies of this Warrant in the Town Hall in the town's libraries and posted on the town's website seven days at least before such meeting.

  
Signature

Date & Time

Town Clerk

Posted