

2023 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 20, 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 vote in elections, to meet in:

Precinct 1	Hedge School, 258 Standish Avenue
Precinct 2	Cold Spring School, 25 Alden Street
Precinct 3	School Administration Building, 11 Lincoln Street
Precinct 4	Plymouth North High School, 41 Obery Street
Precinct 5	Town Hall, 26 Court Street
Precinct 6	Manomet Elementary School, 70 Manomet Point Road
Precinct 7	Indian Brook School, 1181 State Road
Precinct 8	Cedarville Fire Station, 2209 State Road
Precinct 9	South Elementary School, 178 Bourne Road
Precinct 10	Federal Furnace School, 860 Federal Furnace Road
Precinct 11	Plymouth Airport, 246 South Meadow Road
Precinct 12	South Middle School, 488 Long Pond Road
Precinct 13	West Elementary School, 170 Plympton Road
Precinct 14	Indian Brook School, 1181 State Road
Precinct 15	Plymouth South High School, 490 Long Pond Road
Precinct 16	South Middle School, 488 Long Pond Road
Precinct 17	South Elementary School, 178 Bourne Road
Precinct 18	Plymouth Community Intermediate School, 117 Long Pond Road

in said Plymouth on Saturday, the Twentieth Day of May 2023, between the hours of Seven O' Clock in the forenoon and Seven O' Clock in the afternoon, to cast a vote for the following Town Officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz.:

Two Select Board members for three years; Two Plymouth School Committee members for three years; One member of the Planning Board for five years; One member of the Planning Board for one years; One member of the Redevelopment for five years; and also a total of Fifty Four (54) Town Meeting Members, three members from each precinct for three years,

AND to vote on the following question:

Shall Plymouth approve the new Charter recommended by the charter commission as summarized below?

Summary of Proposed Charter

A "Yes" vote on the Proposed Charter maintains the current Select Board/Representative Town Meeting/Town Manager form of government with changes in the composition of the Select Board. The new Charter emphasizes planning for Plymouth and improvements to the representative town meeting.

The Charter requires the Planning Board to develop and maintain a Comprehensive Master Plan.

To promote government transparency and planning, the Charter requires the Select Board to meet periodically with the School Committee, Planning Board, and Finance Committee for the purpose of sharing information including discussion of the Town's progress towards implementing the goals of the Master Plan. These provisions require that any change to a Town bylaw or regulation, or approval by the Town of any proposed project, shall be reviewed by the Planning Board to ensure that such proposed change in a bylaw or regulation, or proposed development permit, align with the Master Plan.

An elected Select Board will have seven members serving three-year terms. Three of its seven members represent districts, with each of the three districts having the same number of current voting precincts. Four of the Select Board members are elected town wide.

The Representative Town Meeting will continue to have nine members serving three-year terms elected from each of the voting precincts which are currently eighteen in number.

The School Committee will continue to have seven members elected for three-year terms.

The Planning Board will continue to have five members elected for five-year terms, and one associate member appointed by the Planning Board for a three-year term.

As currently, the Town Manager administers day-to-day operations, including appointments and supervision of Town employees, preparing the annual budget, and negotiating contracts and financings of Town debt. The Charter adds an Appointments Advisory Committee to assist the Town Manager in proposing appointments of qualified applicants in a standardized application process that seeks to identify the best-qualified applicant for the position.

The duties and powers of the Committee of Precinct Chairs have been changed to provide additional specific duties to improve the functioning of Town Meeting.

A third Town Meeting may be scheduled in January of any calendar year provided that such Meeting may be waived by the joint vote of the Select Board and the Committee of Precinct Chairs.

Legislative Oversight Committee will track actions taken by Town Meeting to ensure that the actions of Town Meeting are duly implemented.

The charter maintains provisions that allow citizens to petition for placement on the town wide ballot of non-binding public policy advisory questions through an initiative process, repeal an action of Town Meeting through a referendum process, and remove from office any elected town wide officeholder through a recall process.

Finally, the Charter continues to provide for an automatic and periodic review of the Charter to ensure that it continues to evolve to meet our Community's needs.

A NO VOTE: would make no changes to the Charter for the Town of Plymouth and keep Representative Town Meeting form of Government.

A YES VOTE: Preserves the Representative Town Meeting form of Government, while the proposed Charter changes include, though not limited to the following: increases authority to the

Committee of Precinct Chairs (COPC), including advising Town Meeting on non-financial articles, mandates quarterly meetings of the COPC with the Select Board, appoints 10 of the 15 members of Finance Committee (replacing the name and structure of the present Advisory & Finance Committee); adds a Legislative Oversight Committee where COPC appoints a majority of the members to; adds an Appointment Advisory Committee to process and recommend Town Residents for town's committees; changes the election of the Town Moderator's position from Town-wide ballot election to election by members of Town Meeting Members; adds a third Town meeting in the month of January; and lastly, changes the number of Select Board members from five (5) to seven (7).

Yes _____

No _____


And you are hereby required to serve this warrant in the manner prescribed by vote of the Town by posting notice thereof seven days at least before such meeting in the Town Hall, in the Town's Libraries and 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 2nd day of May 2023.

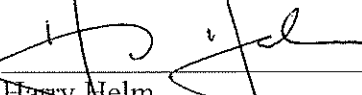
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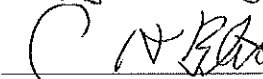

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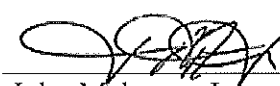
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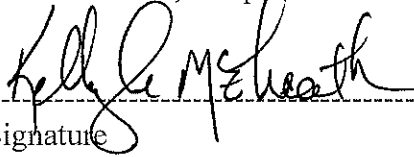

John Mahoney Jr.

Plymouth, ss.

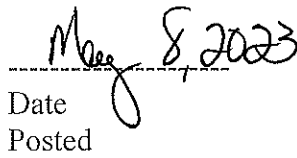
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this day warned the Inhabitants of Plymouth qualified to vote in elections to meet in

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Signature
Town Clerk



Date
Posted