

FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Saturday, October 19, 2024

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 Fall Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth, to meet in a hybrid format, on Saturday, the Nineteenth day of October 2024, 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 Oberry 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 9 (Comcast) or Channel 47 (Verizon) or 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 Fall 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, October 19, 2024, 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: Supplemental Budget - General Fund

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 7A of the 2024 Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant, and, as necessary, to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow funds for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, and/or to reduce certain departmental expenses or otherwise amend said vote or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 2: Withdrawn**ARTICLE 3: Withdrawn****ARTICLE 4: Capital Recommendations**

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:

ITEM	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
A1	Fire	Rehabilitate 1993 Brush Breaker
A2	Fire	Purchase & Equipment Utility Task Vehicle
A3	Fire	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
A4	School	Manomet Elementary School Generator Replacement
A5	DPW – Cemetery	Route 80 Cemetery
A6	DPW – Water	West Plymouth Booster Station Design
A7	DPW – Water	Water System Improvements
A8	DPW – Airport	F350 Truck Replacement

or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 5: Withdrawn**ARTICLE 6: Withdrawn****ARTICLE 7: Pavement Stabilization Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Pavement Management Plan Debt Special Purpose Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of Mass General Laws, c. 40 §5B as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 8: Bylaw Amendment – Wetlands Protection

To see if the Town will vote to amend Plymouth General Bylaw, Chapter 196, "WETLANDS PROTECTION," as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 9: CPC Housing- South Landing Apartments, Megryco, Inc.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from Community Preservation funds, and/or borrow the sum of Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,200,000), to grant to MEGRYCO, Inc. for the purposes of constructing 24 affordable deed restricted housing units on the property located at 131/133 South Street Plymouth Massachusetts, shown on assessors map 27, as Lots 14D & 14E; and further to authorize the Select Board to accept an affordable housing restriction pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, §12 and G.L. c. 184, §§31-33 at 131/133 South Street, Plymouth Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10: CPC Open Space- Black Cat Road

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for open space pursuant to G. L. c. 44B and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth, of a fee simple interest or of land located at Black Cat Road and Watercourse Road in the Town of Plymouth comprised of 93 acres, more or less, shown on Assessors Map 90, Lots 35D, 44, 45, 46 and a portion of Lot 43-7, and further that said land be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission; and as funding therefor to vote to appropriate, and/or transfer from Community Preservation funds, and/or borrow the sum of One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000), to authorize the Select Board to grant a conservation restriction in said property in accordance with G. L. c. 44B, §12 meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184, §§31-33; and further to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11: CPC Open Space, Recreation- Full Sail

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for open space and recreational purposes pursuant to G. L. c. 44B and to accept the deed to the Town of Plymouth, of a fee simple interest or of land located at 277 Taylor Avenue and Saint Charles Avenue in the Town of Plymouth comprised of 15,771sqft, more or less, shown on Assessors Map 45A, Lots 121, 105A, 104, 45, 46, and 50, and further that said land be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission; and as funding therefor vote to appropriate, and/or transfer from Community Preservation funds, and/or borrow the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000) to acquire said property, demolish structures and create recreational access, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; to authorize the Select Board to grant a conservation restriction in said property in accordance with G. L. c. 44B, §12 meeting the requirements of G.L. c.184, §§31-33; and further to authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12: CPC Budget Amendment- Reduce Debt Service

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 16G of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting, by reducing the amount raised from the Fiscal 2025 Community Preservation revenues for the annual debt service budget by Fifty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$56,395) for a new amount of Fifty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$56,747); or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13: CPC- Affirmation Article for 2024 Annual Town Meeting Article 16B – Affordable Housing - 132 Court Street

To see if the Town will vote to AFFIRM Article 16B of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting for Affordable Housing, constructing of 6 affordable units located at 132 Court Street, with a Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$960,000) grant agreement with Megryco or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14: Easement – Stephens Field

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant and convey to NStar Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, access and utility easements for the installation of utility poles and equipment, underground wires, underground transmission lines, lines for control, relay and communication purposes over, across, upon and under a portion of town-owned property at Stephens Field, Plymouth Massachusetts, and known as Plymouth Assessor's Parcel 023-000-026-000 and on shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 15: Title V Repair Fund

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.

SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 16: Zoning Bylaw – Village Open Space Development Amendments

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Plymouth Zoning Bylaw, Article II, §203-3, Definitions, Article VII, Special Regulations, §207-5, Village Open Space Development, by adding Waterfront (WF) to list of zoning districts where Village Open Space Development may be proposed by adding a reference to WF to §§203-3 and 207-5 and, further correcting one clerical error in §203-3 by striking the reference to RR that is shown with a strikethrough as substantially as set forth in a document on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 17: Legislative Petition – Land Bank

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation to establish a Plymouth Land Bank, which will be funded through a 2% land transfer fee paid by buyers of real property in Plymouth, said monies to be used to acquire land for open space, passive and active recreation, create affordable housing and establish municipal facilities, said special legislation to be substantially in the form of the document on file with the Town Clerk or as found on the Town's website at <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/1344/Plymouth-Land-Bank-2024>, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 18: Accept M.G.L. Chapter 203C - Prudent Investment

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 203C and to authorize the Treasurer, custodian of the Town's Trust Funds, c.44, § 54 and §§ 55, 55A and 55B of the General Laws, as amended, to invest and reinvest the monies in such fund in accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule established under Chapter 203C of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 19: Charter Amendment: Format

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Plymouth Town Charter to the format proposed by the Charter Review Committee prior to making any changes to the existing Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the "Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments dated August 2024" as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 1 – POWERS OF THE TOWN

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 1 of the Plymouth Town Charter as recommended by the Charter Review Committee as shown in the "Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024" as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 2 – TOWN-WIDE ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICEHOLDERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 2 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the "Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024" as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 3 - THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 3 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the “Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024” as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 23: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 4 - ELECTIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 4 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the “Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024” as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 5 - TOWN ADMINISTRATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the “Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024” as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 6 - STATUTORILY REQUIRED PUBLIC BODIES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 6 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the “Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024” as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 26: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 7 - CHARTER CREATED PUBLIC BODIES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 7 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the “Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024” as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 8 - OPERATION OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 8 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the “Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024” as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 28: Charter Amendment: CHAPTER 9 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 9 of the Plymouth Town Charter as shown in the “Town of Plymouth Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments August 2024” as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29: Charter Amendment: Renumbering

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk, with the approval of the Town Manager, to make clerical and non-substantive editorial revisions to the Plymouth Town Charter in accordance with the changes as adopted by Town Meeting on October 19, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 30: Citizen's Petition: Amend Zoning Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, Section 205-10, General Commercial, and the Use Table and footnotes thereto, by modifying Multi-Family use by Special Permit conditions in that portion of the General Commercial District (GC) within 2,500 feet of the Downtown/Harbor District (DH), by modifying the conditions set forth in Footnote 1 of the Use Table by adding new subsection (d.) as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

d. By Special Permit - Multi-Family Dwellings in the General Commercial District (GC) may be allowed by Special Permit on land which has any lot line within 2,500 feet of the perimeter of the Downtown/Harbor District (DH), and notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a., such Special Permit shall not be subject to the conditions set forth in subsections a.ii. and a.iii. above.

By Petition: Douglas Holton, et al

ARTICLE 31: Citizen's Petition: Gaza Ceasefire Resolution

An Article Relative to adopting a Ceasefire Resolution in the town of Plymouth: see attached.

By Petition: Cheryl Robinson, et al

ARTICLE 32: Citizen's Petition: Public Comment

All Plymouth Town Meeting Caucus Meetings shall include "Public Comment" on their agendas

By Petition: Albert J. DiNardo, et al

ARTICLE 33: Citizen's Petition: Moratorium to Plymouth Airport Runway Expansion

Purpose of this Warrant: Request a moratorium on any Plymouth airport runway expansion related to increasing the length, width or thickness of the runways to prevent increased activity of private jets. Any changes to the physical footprint of the airport runway(s) require approval by Selectboard, Town Manager and Town Residents. Supporting Materials: The increase in runway length of runway 6/24 to a total of 5,001 feet as proposed in Plymouth Airport Master Plan would allow our airport to accommodate private and corporate class jets as stated in the "Massachusetts Statewide Airport System Plan (section 2-1)" "In the hopes to provide a significant value to business/corporate activity, as most corporate type of aircraft can operate in and out of airports having at least a 5,000-foot runway". Any proposed changes made by the airport manager/ airport commission should be for the benefit of all residents and not for the benefit of a few people/businesses. It's time for us to stand up for each other and for the future of our town. We should strive to make decisions that will have zero impact to our environment. Protect our residents. Support this moratorium for Zero Impact to our; quality of life and physical health, air quality, Sole Source Aquifer water supply, carbon footprint, safety, soil contamination, noise pollution. NO PRIVATE JETS. See attached 'Addendum A' for the full Warrant.

By Petition: Lisa Lantagne, et al

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant in the manner prescribed by vote of the Town by posting notice thereof seven (7) 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 18 th day of September 2024.

Approved as to Legal Form

SELECT BOARD

Karenne E. McKay
Town Counsel

Richard Quintal
Richard Quintal, Chairman

Kevin Carty
Kevin Carty, Vice Chairman

John T. Mahoney
John T. Mahoney

Charlie Bletzer
Charlie Bletzer

David Golden
David Golden

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 Nineteenth of October, 2024, at 8:00AM to conduct the Fall 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

Etheneal Hallinan
Signature
Assistant Town Clerk

9/19/24
Date & Time
Posted



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360
(508)747-1620

July 31, 2024

Town of Plymouth
Select Board
26 Court Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

RE: Fall 2024 Town Meeting– Request for Remote Participation

Dear Board Members:

Consistent with my duties and responsibilities as Town Moderator for the Town of Plymouth, and pursuant to Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2022, effective December 1, 2022, please consider this a formal request for all sessions of the Fall Town Meeting be held as a remote hybrid representative town meeting.

The Fall Town Meeting for October 19, 2024, and subsequent sessions of this Fall Town Meeting, will be a hybrid approach with a remote option for participating individuals if they choose. This will be conducted, though not limited to, by means of a video conferencing platform. I have conferred with Emily Wilson, Plymouth Disabilities Commission, to confirm compliance with the American Disabilities Act for such remote participation.

If authorized, the Fall Town Meeting will be conducted using Zoom Webinar and OTI virtual voting platforms, which have been successfully tested and implemented at prior remote Town Meetings. I certify that: (1) I have tested the video conferencing platform; and (2) the platform satisfactorily enables the Fall Town Meeting to be conducted in substantially the same manner as if the Meeting occurred in person at a physical location and in accordance with the operational and functional requirements set forth in Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2022.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Steven Triffetti".

F. Steven Triffetti
Town Moderator



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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Notice of Approval in Accordance with Section 5b of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2022

Pursuant to Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Authorizing the Town of Plymouth to Hold Remote Representative Town Meetings, the Select Board approves and issues the following notice.

The Plymouth Annual Fall Town Meeting will be held remotely as follows:

- (i) by means of the video or teleconferencing platform requested by the moderator;
- (ii) on October 19, 2024, beginning at 8:00 a.m.;
- (iii) information necessary to witness the deliberations and actions taken at the town meeting can be found at the Town of Plymouth's website, Plymouth, MA Official Website (plymouth-ma.gov) and in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

By its Select Board

Date: 08/06/2024

Richard Quintal, Chairman

Kevin Carty, Vice Chairman

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David M. Golden, Jr.

John T. Mahoney, Jr.