

**2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

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 Special Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth, to meet in a hybrid format, on Saturday, the Fifth day of April 2025, 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 the Plymouth local government channel (The Local Seen) available on Comcast and Verizon, or thelocalseen.media/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 Special 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 5, 2025, 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: Unpaid Bills**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay certain unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 2: Budget Amendments**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to funds already appropriated under Articles 7A through 7F of the 2024 Spring Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of supplementing departmental, expenses or otherwise amend said votes, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD**

### **ARTICLE 3: Capital Improvements**

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 of buildings 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 or professional consulting services, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, 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.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>
A1	Energy and Environment	Replacement of Vehicle
A2	Energy and Environment	Engineering for Black Cat Bog Restoration
B1	Energy and Environment	Town Brook – Jenney Pond Dam Repairs and Bypass
B2	Energy and Environment	Town Brook – Morton Park Culverts

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### **ARTICLE 4: Purchase of Services – Crystal Reports**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the cost of services, including the payment of costs incidental and related to the Crystal Reporting Services Migration for the Finance Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **ARTICLE 5: Hedge And Cold Spring Elementary Feasibility Study**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Plymouth Building Committee for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the replacement or renovation of Hedge Elementary School, located on 2.03999 acres of Town-owned land in North Plymouth, and specifically at 258 Standish Avenue, Plymouth, Massachusetts and the replacement or renovation of Cold Spring Elementary School, located on 7.64137 acres of Town-owned land in North Plymouth, and specifically at 25 Alden Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **ARTICLE 6: General Purpose Stabilization Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the General Purpose Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40 §5B as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 7: Funding Request – Tax Title Properties**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow \$100,000.00 for title examination and affidavit recordings on tax title properties that were conveyed to other land uses through previous Town Meeting action, or take any other action relative thereto.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **ARTICLE 8: Revolving Fund – Cruise Lines**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.44 §53E ½ to establish a new revolving fund to be known as Cruise Line Revolving Fund; and further, to amend the General Bylaws §143-5 Authorized Revolving Funds, by inserting the underlined text in a new row at the end of the Table of authorized revolving funds, as follows, and, further, to establish a fiscal year expenditure limit of \$100,000 for such fund, to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless amended by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year:

<u>A</u> Revolving Fund	<u>B</u> Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to spend from the Fund	<u>C</u> Fees, Charges or other Receipts Credited to Fund	<u>D</u> Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	<u>E</u> Fiscal Years
<u>Cruise Line</u>	<u>Harbormaster</u>	<u>Two thirds of any fees collected related to cruise lines docking in Plymouth Harbor</u>	<u>Maintenance and/or improvements to Town Wharf, Personnel costs, Supplies and Materials</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025 and subsequent years</u>

or take any other action relative thereto.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT – HARBORMASTER DIVISION**

### **ARTICLE 9: Revolving Fund – Animal Shelter**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws §143-5 Authorized Revolving Funds, consistent with the proposed language; with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted, as follows:

<u>A</u> Revolving Fund	<u>B</u> Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to spend from the Fund	<u>C</u> Fees, Charges or other Receipts Credited to Fund	<u>D</u> Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	<u>E</u> Fiscal Years
Animal Shelter Adoption	<u>Director of Marine &amp; Environmental Affairs</u> <u>Director of Public Health</u>	Those identified as those arising from deposits/sp aying & neutering.	In accordance with G.L c.140 §139A, all animals placed for adoption must be spayed or neutered. This fund provides for other expenditures as authorized by §139A as well as a refund of a \$30 deposit, when proof of spaying or neutering procedure is provided. To be used for the care, health & welfare of the animals, equipment, supplies & capital expenditures.	<u>Fiscal Year 2019 and subsequent years</u>

or take any other action relative thereto.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT – HEALTH DIVISION**

## **ARTICLE 10: Treasurer/Collector Certification Stipend**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 41 §108P Additional Compensation for Collectors or Treasurers, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

## **ARTICLE 11: Bylaw Amendment – Perpetual Care Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws §71-5 Perpetual Care Funds, to reflect M.G.L. Ch. 203C, as previously accepted at the October 19, 2024 Town Meeting, with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted as follows:

### **§ 71-5. Perpetual care funds. [Amended 6-27-1984 STM by Art. 4]**

- A. ~~The Town Treasurer is authorized to accept sums of money as perpetual care funds for cemetery lots which shall be held in trust by the Town and, unless otherwise provided or directed by the donor thereof, shall be placed at interest in savings banks, trust companies incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth, banking companies incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or national banks or invested by cities and towns in participation units in a combined investment fund under MGL c. 29, § 38A; or in paid up shares and accounts of and in cooperative banks; or in shares of savings and loan associations; or in shares or savings deposits of federal savings and loan associations doing business in the commonwealth, to an amount not exceeding \$1,000; or in bonds or notes which are legal investments for savings banks.~~
- A. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 §54 Subsection (a) the Town Treasurer is authorized to accept sums of money as perpetual care funds for cemetery lots which shall be held in trust by the Town and unless otherwise provided or directed by the donor of the funds, shall be deposited in: a trust company, co-operative bank or savings bank, if the trust company or bank is organized or exists under the laws of the commonwealth or any other state or may transact business in the commonwealth and has its main office or a branch office in the commonwealth; a national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings and loan association, if the bank or association may transact business and has its main office or a branch office in the commonwealth; provided, however, that a state-chartered or federally-chartered bank shall be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor or invested by cities and towns in participation units in a combined investment fund under section 38A of chapter 29 or in bonds or notes which are legal investments for savings banks.
- B. ~~If such funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer have an aggregate amount in excess of \$250,000, the Town Treasurer may also invest such funds in securities, other than mortgages or collateral loans, which are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the laws of the commonwealth, provided that not more than 15% of any such trust funds shall be invested in bank stocks and insurance company stocks, nor shall more than 1 1/2% of such funds be invested in the stock of any one bank or insurance company. The Town Treasurer shall use the interest from such accounts for the care of such lots.~~

- B. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 §54 Subsection (b)(1) the Treasurer may be manage the funds held in their custody in accordance with Chapter 203C. If any provision of this subsection conflicts with the terms of a bequest, trust or other instrument that expresses the clear intent of the donor, then such funds may be managed and invested only in accordance with the terms of such bequest, trust or other instrument.

or take any other action thereto.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**ARTICLE 12: Exclusion of Administrative Buildings and Properties as Prohibited Areas under Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws (H.4885)**

To see if the Town will vote to exclude, as provided for in Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, its municipal administrative buildings and Town property from being defined as “prohibited areas” under Chapter 269, Section 10, thereby allowing possession of a firearm, loaded or unloaded, as defined in Section 121 of Chapter 140 in said buildings, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD**

Given under our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

Approved as to Legal Form

Kathleen McKay  
Town Counsel

SELECT BOARD

Richard J. Quinal Jr.  
Richard J. Quinal Jr., Chairman

Kevin Canty, Vice Chairman

John T. Mahoney Jr.

David Golden Jr.

Charlie Bletzer

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 fifth of April, 2025, at 8:00 AM to conduct the Spring Special 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 fourteen days at least before such meeting

Kelly McEachern  
Signature

Town Clerk

March 5, 2025

Date & Time

Posted