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## FISCAL YEAR 2025 SELECT BOARD GOALS & PRIORITIES ACHIEVED

The Town of Plymouth Select Board consists of five members elected for three-year overlapping terms. The Select Board is the chief executive body of the Town. The Town operates on a Fiscal Year (FY) calendar that runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Fiscal Year 2025 began on July 1, 2024. Towards the beginning of FY25, the Select Board worked together to create annual goals and priorities broken down into sections. Below is a list of *several* of the Select Board's accomplishments that have already been or will be completed in the near future from that list of goals:

### Communicate & Engage with the Public

- Began holding Town Hall On the Road community outreach Select Board meetings
- Held 12 community outreach sessions on Plymouth's Master Plan and 4 public meetings about the Holtec Parcel Master Plan
- Held numerous meetings on the Open Space and Recreation Plan, Forges Field Plan, and Downtown Resiliency Plan

### Improving Infrastructure Throughout the Community

- Dredged and installed a footbridge at Jenney Pond - Downtown
- Acquired and began improvements to the former Full Sail property - Manomet
- Improved and repaired 24.8 miles of roads throughout Plymouth in 2024

### The New Select Board

Plymouth has a Town-wide election every May, with this year's election being held on May 17, 2025. Two seats on the Select Board were on the ballot this year, and when the polls closed, Plymouth voters elected Bill Keohan and Deb Iaquinto as new members to the Select Board. Whenever the Board experiences turnover of one or more positions, the resulting Board is considered a new Select Board from the one that existed prior to Election Day. On behalf of the Select Board, I look forward to working with all members of our new Board to help move Plymouth forward and improve the relationship that the Select Board has with our residents.

-Kevin B. Canty, Chair of the Plymouth Select Board



### FY25 Year in Review Presentation

On Tuesday June 24th, Town Manager Derek Brindisi presented the Select Board with the Town's accomplishments from FY25 and how those accomplishments align with the Board's Annual Goals & Priorities. To learn more, view the full [FY25 A Year in Review](#) presentation.

With warm weather and summer in full swing, Plymouth is at its best — from our beautiful beaches to vibrant downtown nightlife. While summer is a wonderful time to enjoy all our town has to offer, it also brings certain risks, including increased incidence of injuries and illness. We encourage everyone to make the most of the season while staying safe and alert. Happy summer!



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<https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/list.aspx>.





# SELECT BOARD SPOTLIGHT

## TOWN HALL ON THE ROAD

On June 10, 2025, the Select Board held the first Town Hall *On The Road* meeting at the Cedarville Fire Station Community Room. We had a very successful attendance of 80+ residents and are looking forward to our upcoming *On The Road* meetings!

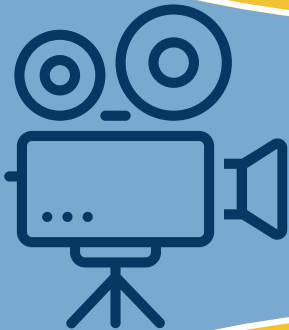


## Upcoming On The Road Meetings...

**July 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM**  
**South Elementary School**  
178 Bourne Rd



**August 12, 2025 | 6:00 PM**  
**South High School**  
490 Long Pond Rd



**September 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM**  
**Manomet Elementary School**  
70 Manomet Point Rd



# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

## HHS FY25 DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### HHS MISSION & OVERVIEW

- **We build bridges to community wellbeing** – the mission of Plymouth HHS is to connect people with vital resources within the framework of a healthy, humanistic, sustainable, and resilient community.
- **Our goal** is to foster a comprehensive and compassionate social health support system that promotes a culture of belonging and cohesiveness for residents and visitors alike. ***We have a strong commitment and focus on building sustainable federal, state, and local partnerships to achieve this goal.***
- **We envision** a systematic approach to ensuring health equity for all with a commitment to excellence, community engagement, supportive partnerships, collaboration, and innovation in America's hometown.
- **We are comprised of** five divisions, including the Center for Active Living (CAL), Plymouth Public Library, Public Health Division (includes Animal Control Office), Recreation Division, and Veterans Services, as well as the Plymouth Commission on Disabilities.

### HHS DIVISIONS

#### Center for Active Living (CAL)

CAL is a nationally recognized center that serves Plymouth's vibrant aging population, of which 42% are ages 55+, and serves as the cornerstone of implementation for receiving Plymouth's formal Age and Dementia-Friendly Designation.

CAL received a historic visit from Gov. Maura Healey in May 2025, where she signed an Executive Order (pictured right) directing all executive branch offices to identify areas for embedding age-friendly policies and practices.



#### Plymouth Public Library

Plymouth Public Library has received state and national recognition for its highly regarded Adult Literacy and Recovery Corner Programs, respectively, and serves thousands of residents/visitors seamlessly across their lifespan.

#### Public Health

Public Health leads the Southern Plymouth County Public Health Excellence Collaborative and serves as a model for other communities in responding to emergencies including Bird Flu, EEE, and other health issues.

#### Recreation

Recreation serves hundreds of children, adults, and families with its vast array of physical activity and leisure seasonal programming each year, and is currently leading the Hedges and Forges Field Master Plan.

#### Veteran Services

Veterans Services provides excellent advisement and direct assistance to Plymouth's most deserving veterans and their dependents and led the conversation on adopting the HERO Act provisions earlier this year.



# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CONT.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSEMENT & IMPROVEMENT PLAN

For the first time ever, HHS/Town of Plymouth is undergoing a comprehensive *Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan* – a truly historic effort that will put Plymouth residents in the driver's seat to understand community wellbeing and prioritize their own health roadmap. Community health assessments and community health improvement plans (CHA-CHIPs) are key tools that municipal health and human service departments rely upon to directly engage with community members; learn about their community's health status; identify important needs and strategic priorities; make data-driven decisions about allocating resources; and leverage funding opportunities through regional/community partnerships.

In June 2025, Plymouth HHS will welcome and onboard a CHA-CHIP Steering Committee comprised of a cross-sector group of volunteer subject matter experts who will provide advisement to Plymouth HHS on the project.



## PLYMOUTH ARISE

The Plymouth Addiction Response and Improvement Strategies Effort (ARISE) was launched in January 2024 as one of the first initiatives of Plymouth HHS. Plymouth ARISE is a coordinated response to the local opioid epidemic that aims to increase community engagement and reduce stigma around the topic of opioid and other substance use. In April/May 2024, Plymouth HHS awarded opioid settlement funding to a total of five local 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and municipal entities for one-year pilot projects to address the impact of opioids on children, individuals, and families.

In June 2024, Plymouth HHS formally presented Plymouth ARISE Grantees at an inaugural Honors Ceremony event. The second annual ceremony was held on June 10, 2025. Plymouth HHS/ARISE is seen as a leader in the Commonwealth for creating a forward-thinking mini-grant program to disperse remediation dollars into the community. Due to this statewide leadership, several communities across the commonwealth have utilized Plymouth's mini-grant model in their own towns and cities to distribute funding. Additionally, Plymouth HHS was chosen to present at the second annual Massachusetts Opioid Conference held on May 27, 2025.

## QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

Many community issues do not have one-dimensional answers or simplified strategies and often share cross-departmental impact. The Quality of Life Task Force was recently created to combine a comprehensive, creative strategic approach to problem-solving complex community issues.

## HEALTHY PEOPLE 2030 DESIGNATION

Plymouth HHS was awarded an official designation as a Healthy People 2030 Champion from the federal Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) within the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Healthy People Initiative sets 10-year national objectives to improve health and wellness nationwide. This designation recognizes Plymouth HHS for its demonstrated commitment to helping achieve the Healthy People 2030 vision of a society in which all people can achieve their full potential for health and wellbeing across their lifespan. As a Healthy People 2030 Champion, Plymouth HHS will receive critical tools, resources, and information to support community health and social determinants of health while we build capacity for enhancing the conditions in which people live, work, and play in the Town of Plymouth.

## TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

### ***FY25 Real Estate & Personal Property Demands***

- Real Estate & Personal Property demands were due June 16, 2025. If you believe you have outstanding Real Estate or Personal Property bills, please contact the Collector's Office at 508-322-3432.

### ***FY26 First Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes***

- Real Estate & Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2026 have been mailed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter bills due August 1, 2025.

### ***Elderly & Disabled Tax Fund***

- Applications for the Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief Fund will be open for submission from August 1, 2025 to the end of business on October 1, 2025.
- Important links, including the committee page and eligibility requirements, can be found on the Town's website at [Elderly & Disabled Tax Fund Information](#). Please check back during the application period to obtain the current year's application.
- The Plymouth Tax Relief Fund provides assistance to qualified elderly and disabled residents. Providing a donation as low as \$1.00 helps keep your community strong and viable.

Donations can be paid directly via [Invoice Cloud](#) or by scanning the QR code.



### ***Beach Stickers & Transfer Station Passes***

- Beach stickers and Transfer Station passes are available for purchase in person at Town Hall until August 8, 2025.
- Beach stickers and Transfer Station passes are available for purchase online at <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/>

### ***Water/Sewer Hangers & Shutoffs***

- Any Fiscal Year 2025 outstanding water bills are anticipated to have hanger tags followed by shut offs in August 2025.



**To Pay your bill online, please visit the following link:**  
<https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/891/Online-Payments>

**For more information on tax bills, please visit the bill information page by scanning the QR code or visiting the following link:**  
<https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/1244/Bill-Information>



# FEATURED FUNDING: GRANT DOLLARS AT WORK

Plymouth's departments and divisions are actively pursuing state and federal grant opportunities to advance capital projects and launch new programs. Highlighted here are just a few examples of the millions in grant funding Town staff secures annually to benefit the community.

## ***Ecological Restoration Project at Former Cranberry Bog***

The Natural Resources Division of the Town's Department of Energy & Environment secured a \$740,000 grant for the construction phase of the Pinnacle Bog Restoration Project. Offered through the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Resources, the Cranberry Bogs & Coastal Wetlands Restoration Grant Program is designed to support restoration efforts that advance the early phase feasibility, project planning, preliminary design, and full restoration of retired cranberry bogs and coastal wetlands. The purpose of the program is to remove stressors that impair the function and resiliency of wetland and stream habitats, ultimately protecting the Commonwealth's rivers, wetlands, and watersheds.

The Natural Resources Division will utilize its award to restore the ecology of a 50-acre, former Pinnacle Bog site that the Town purchased with authorization from the 2023 Fall Town Meeting. The restoration phase involves: the removal of all dikes and water control structures; the filling of channels; site grading; the restoration of natural hydrology to the site; seeding, planting, and placement of woody habitat; and the establishment of a public trail system.

The Pinnacle Bog property, located off Rocky Pond Road, directly abuts existing conservation land and falls within Zone II of the Town's South Pond wells. Additionally, the property is within the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge (as designated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service), which is a unique refuge dedicated to conserving and managing shrubland and young forests in New England and eastern New York. The refuge was established in 2016 to conserve at-risk species that rely on young forests and early successional habitats.



## ***Accessibility Improvements at the Center for Active Living***

Currently underway at the Center for Active Living is a fully grant-funded project that will expand accessible parking and improve pedestrian access for patrons of the facility. Earlier this year, the Department of Health & Human Services, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works' Facilities Maintenance Division, obtained a \$250,000 grant through the Massachusetts Office on Disability's Municipal ADA Improvements Grant Program, which helps municipalities recognize and remove architectural and/or programmatic barriers at public facilities.

The primary focus of the grant award is the addition of four (4) new ADA-accessible parking spaces at the entry to the CAL, bringing the total number of fully-accessible spaces to twelve (12). In addition, the grant will fund new walkway connections to the parking lot; repairs to existing walkways; and the fabrication and installation of custom hand railings along the main walkway from the parking area.



**TO READ MORE ABOUT GRANT DOLLARS AT WORK:**

Scan the QR code or click the following link:  
<https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/1362/Grants>



# PUBLIC WORKS

## WORK ZONE SAFETY

During the summer months, there is an increase in traffic volume in Town. This increased volume creates additional risks not only to the driver, but everyone they pass. Summer months are associated with a higher number of work zone crashes, indicating a need for increased safety measures.

Work zones can be dangerous for road crews as well as drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Driving hazards can appear suddenly and unexpectedly. Drivers may encounter changes in traffic patterns, closed or narrowed travel lanes, closed sidewalks, and the presence of construction equipment and personnel. Slowing down and paying attention can reduce crashes and fatalities that can occur. Adjust your driving behavior when you see signs, barrels, cones, safety vests, and equipment ahead.

The most effective way to improve work zone safety: **Obey the Orange**

### 10 Tips for Safe Travel in Work Zones

#### EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Changes can take place overnight on the routes you travel every day. Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes and sidewalks may be closed, narrowed or shifted, and people may be working on or near the road.

#### STAY ALERT

Dedicate your full attention to the road and avoid distractions while approaching and driving/walking/biking in a work zone. Construction signs are there to help everyone move safely through the work zone.

#### KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

Drive safely by keeping a distance between you and the car ahead of you. Most rear-end accidents occur because of following too closely and traveling too fast for conditions.

#### OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT

Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Traveling at 60 mph, if you see a sign that indicates a Work Zone is 1,500 feet ahead, you'll be there in 17 seconds!

#### KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW

Account for human reaction time! At a safe distance, follow the flow of traffic and do not stop to stare at road work.

#### OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL

The traffic control personnel know what is best for moving all road users safely through the work zone.

#### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Check radio, TV, social media, and websites for traffic information and schedule enough time to reach your destination on time and safely. Learn to expect delays.

#### BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM

Work zones are not there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the crew members are working to improve the transportation system you use every day.

#### WEAR YOUR SEATBELT

Your seatbelt is your best defense in a crash, and it's the law.

#### KNOW THE ZONE

There are signs at the beginning AND end of work zones. Reduce your speed before you enter the zone and do not return to normal speeds until you see the End Work Zone signs.





# ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

## PLYMOUTH ON-STREET PARKING

The Town of Plymouth is participating in the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's (MassCEC) On-Street EV Charging Solution as part of the feasibility study and project planning. Below are frequently asked questions in regard to the program and process:

### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE ON-STREET EV CHARGING PROGRAM?

The goal is to help municipalities explore and plan for EV charging in or around neighborhoods where residents lack access to off-street parking. Funded through the MassCEC On-Street Charging Solution program, municipalities will receive technical support to evaluate site viability, assess community needs, and identify barriers and opportunities for future EV infrastructure.

### WHAT TYPE OF COSTS ARE COVERED THROUGH THE MASSCEC FUNDING?

MassCEC fully funds outreach and engagement, marketing, site evaluation, and engineering services required to assess on-street EV charging feasibility. There is no cost to municipalities or residents for this planning phase.

### WILL RESIDENTS PAY FOR INSTALLATION?

No, planning and evaluations costs are fully supported by MassCEC through ARPA funding. Residents and municipalities incur no direct costs for participating in the Feasibility Study.

To learn more about on-street charging solutions, visit  
<https://bit.ly/44u0z1C> or scan the QR code.



### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK BY TAKING A QUICK SURVEY!

- Rate proposed locations
- Share sites that may have been overlooked
- Share your preferences and concerns

Your feedback is crucial to ensure that charging infrastructure is accessible, equitable, and convenient for all Plymouth residents and businesses:

<https://bit.ly/4luDbS5>



# POLICE & FIRE

## PLYMOUTH POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES



Left to Right: Coolidge, Gatie, Viscariello, Brady, Humfries, Burke, Grogan, and Espinola

The Plymouth Police Department is proud to introduce their newest Police Academy recruits:

**Logan Reed Humfries:** Logan grew up in Hanson and graduated from Whitman Hanson High School in 2021, followed by graduating from the University of Rhode Island in 2025.

**Patrick Brady:** Having grown up in Plymouth, Patrick graduated from Rising Tide Charter Public School in 2017.

**Justin Gatie Jr:** Justin grew up in Marshfield, graduating from Marshfield High School in 2014, but has been a Plymouth resident since 2018.

**Joseph Grogan:** Joseph grew up in Sandwich and graduated from Pope John Paul II High School in 2013.

**Nathan Viscariello:** Having grown up in Plymouth, Nathan graduated from Plymouth North High School in 2021.

**Jared Burke:** Jared also grew up in Plymouth, graduating from Plymouth North High School in 2018.

**McKenna Coolidge:** McKenna also grew up in Plymouth, graduating from Plymouth South High School in 2020.

**Joseph Espinola:** Similar to several of his colleagues, Joseph also grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth North High School in 2020. Following high school, Joseph attended Westfield State University, majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology.

## MASSACHUSETTS FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY GRADUATES

In early June, the Plymouth Fire Department celebrated the recent Massachusetts Firefighting Academy graduates:

*Matthew Basler, Joshua Batres, Gareth Brown, Anthony DePasquale III, Kevin Disher, Gregory Lapollo, Jonathan License, Joseph Pravati, and Andrew Smith.*

These Firefighters were officially sworn in by the Town Clerk, followed by a badge pinning ceremony at the Select Board meeting held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.





# HUMAN RESOURCES

To view current open positions, click the following link or scan the QR code:

<https://plymouthma.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx>



## *Join Us In Welcoming...*

- Manuel Leite - Library Director, Library
  - Hadi Kishbach - Animal Control Officer, Public Health
  - Grace Correia - Recreation Assistant, Recreation
  - Jesse Anderson - Heavy Motor Equipment Officer, DPW Highway
  - Lexi Affsa - Student Officer, Police
  - Callahan Gibbs - Student Officer, Police
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- Amelia Alger - Administrative Secretary, Treasurer/Collector
  - Timothy White - Motor Equipment Operator, DPW Highway
  - Peyton O'Connor - Administrative Assistant, DPW- Cemetery/Crematory
  - Jeffrey Asamoah - Cybersecurity, IT
  - Priscilla Nardone - Administrative Secretary, Assessor's Office
  - Brendan Beane - Firefighter

## *Thank You For Your Service!*

### *Retirements:*

- Phillip Rotondo- Firefighter, Fire
- Dennis Reimer- Lieutenant, Police
- Stephen Gibbons- Sergeant, Police
- Dennis Ward- Patrolman, Police

## *Employee Accomplishments*

### *Promotions:*

- Sean Page - Fire Lieutenant, Fire Department
  - Joseph Galofaro - Fire Lieutenant, Fire Department
  - Lynn Taylor - Library Associate, Library
  - Joseph Crowel I - Construction Maintenance Lead, DPW Highway
  - Lindsey Moran - Shorebird & Endangered Species Program Manager, DEE
  - Parker Coady - Assistant Pump Station Operator, DPW - Water
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- James LeBretton - Deputy Chief, Police
  - Marc Higgins - Captain, Police
  - Andrew Carney - Lieutenant, Police
  - Cole Freeman - Maintenance Worker, DPW Cemetery
  - John Hart - Airport Operations, Airport

# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

## SUMMERTIME EVENTS

Event	Date(s)	Location	Time	Rain Date
Rebels & Rods Car Show	Every Sunday until 11/16	173 Water St.	7am - 10am	No
L. Knife Concert Series	Every Thursday 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28	Pilgrim Memorial State Park Pavillion	7pm - 9pm	No
Project Arts Concert Series	7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27 (Free concerts every Wednesday)	Pilgrim Memorial State Park Pavillion	6:30pm - 9:15pm	No
10th Annual 4th of July 5K	7/4/2025	Start/Finish on Water St. in front of Brewster Gardens	7:30am - 8:30am	No
4th of July Parade	7/4/2025	Cordage Park to Pilgrim Memorial State Park	9am - 12pm	No
4th of July Fireworks	7/4/2025	Water St, Pilgrim Memorial State Park, Plymouth Harbor	9pm - 11pm	TBD
4th of July Waterfront Concert	7/4/2025	Pilgrim Memorial State Park (DCR) - Across from Coles Hill on Water St.	7:30pm - 9:15pm	TBD



# ***PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CONT.***

## ***SUMMERTIME EVENTS CONT.***

Event	Date(s)	Location	Time	Rain Date
Plymouth Public Library Garden Tour	7/10/2025	Plymouth Public Library	11am - 4pm	No
Jennifer Kane Softball Tournament	7/11 - 7/13	Forges Field	Friday 3pm   Sat & Sun 9am	No
Blackbeards Ride	7/13	Motorcycle Ride Through Town	8:30am - 12pm	No
Holy Ghost Festa	7/20	12 South Cherry St.	9am - 6pm	No
Arts & Crafts Festival	8/9 & 8/10	Plymouth Public Library - 132 South St.	10am - 4pm	No
Plymouth Waterfront Festival	8/23	Water St, from the corner of Union St. to Memorial Dr, Pilgrim Memorial State Park, Brewster Gardens	10am - 6pm	8/24
Thirsty Pilgrim	9/6 & 9/7	Hedge House Lawn	12pm - 7pm	No
The Outsider (Pilgrimman) Triathlon	9/6/2025	Myles Standish State Forest	6am - 6pm	No

# DEDICATION OF THE QUADRICENTENNIAL FALCON CANNON

Burial Hill | May 31, 2025

On May 31, 2025, the Town of Plymouth accepted the gift of The Quadricentennial Falcon in observance of Plymouth's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration.

The original dedication of the Quadricentennial Falcon was set to take place in April of 2020 but was delayed due to the pandemic. The Quadricentennial Falcon was delivered by Gillmore Ordnance on August 20, 2020, and received on behalf of the Town by Pilgrim Hall Museum.

The Quadricentennial Falcon replaces one of two original 16th-century cannons gifted to the Town of Plymouth on October 4, 1921 for Plymouth's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Tercentenary cannons were mounted on Burial Hill until 1984, when one, a minion cast in 1554, was given to Pilgrim Hall Museum where it is now displayed; the other, a saker, was returned to its place of origin, the Isle of Guernsey, which had lost all its ancient artillery pieces during occupation in World War II. The Quadricentennial Falcon installed and dedicated on historic Burial Hill on this day is an exact replica of the Guernsey saker.

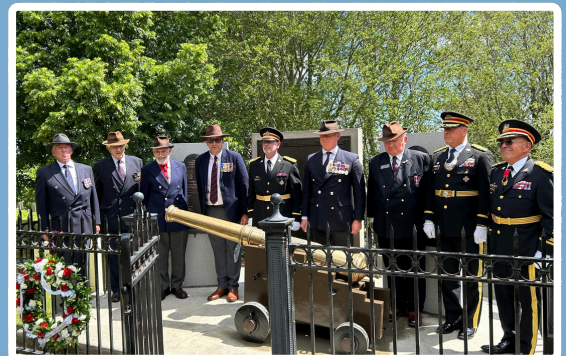
Thank you to The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and The Honourable Artillery Company of London for presenting this gift to the Town. Thank you to the Town of Plymouth Cemetery & Crematory Division and Superintendent Diane Maguire for their work coordinating this event. Lastly, thank you to The New Plimmoth Gard and Pilgrim Hall Museum for their assistance coordinating and making this event a success!



Representative Michelle Badger presents the assembled groups with a State Citation



Town Manager Derek Brindisi, Select Board Chair Kevin Canty, and Selectman Bill Keohan were also in attendance



(L) The Honourable Artillery Company of London &  
(R) The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts



The New Plimmoth Gard



# CEDARVILLE DOG PARK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

2199 State Rd. Plymouth, MA 02360 | June 5, 2025



Select Board members Kevin Canty (Chair), David Golden Jr. (Vice Chair) and Deb Iaquinto were joined by State Rep Michelle Badger, Town Manager Derek Brindisi, Director of Public Works Bill Coyle, Parks and Forestry Superintendent Nick Faiella, and others to commence the official opening of the Cedarville Dog Park

## Dog Park Fun Facts!

- The Cedarville Dog Park is the first dog park in the Town of Plymouth
- As of 2022, there were 11,300 dogs registered in Plymouth
- The Plymouth Dog Park Committee was first established in October 2022

- The Cedarville Dog Park was built utilizing \$156,100 in ARPA Funds and \$275,000 in grant funding from the Stanton Foundation

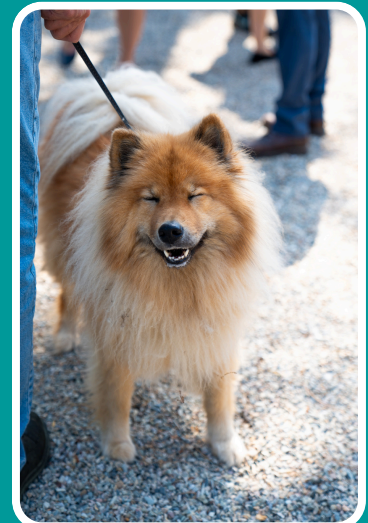
Visit the Town website to view the [Cedarville Dog Park Rules & Regulations](#)



Town comfort dog, Rio, enjoyed his afternoon spent at the newly opened Cedarville Dog Park



(L-R) Select Board Vice Chair David Golden, Select Board member Deb Iaquinto, Select Board Chair Kevin Canty, and State Rep Michelle Badger



Several dogs were also in attendance, enjoying a beautiful day at the dog park



# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SECOND ANNUAL ARISE CEREMONY

Mayflower Society House | June 10, 2025



On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, the Town of Plymouth's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) held its second annual Plymouth Addiction Response and Improvement Strategies Effort (ARISE) Honoree Award Ceremony: *Celebrating Courage, Commitment, and Community.*

Founded in 2023, Plymouth HHS connects residents with vital resources within the framework of a healthy, humanistic, sustainable, and resilient community. The goal is to foster a comprehensive and compassionate social health support system that promotes a culture of belonging and cohesiveness for residents and visitors alike. As one of the first initiatives of HHS, Plymouth ARISE has aimed to increase community engagement and reduce stigma around the topic of opioid and other substance use, while enhancing related services for residents.



The ARISE Leadership Award issued to BAMSI, one of the five inaugural ARISE Grantees.

Thank you to Commissioner Michelle Bratti, Assistant Commissioner Emily Wilson, Select Board Vice Chair Golden, HHS Consultant Jay Gardiner, the Plymouth Delegation, and to all Individual Honorees, Grantees, and attendees.

A very special thank you to the Mayflower Society, who partnered with HHS to host this year's events, and to Chef Mike Peters who graciously catered this event.



(L-R) Mike Jackman, District Director for Senator Markey, State Rep Kathy LaNatra, Michelle Bratti, Commissioner of HHS, State Rep Michelle Badger, and Jack Richardson, District Director for Senator Fernandes



This year's ARISE keynote speaker, David Golden Jr., Vice Chair of the Select Board



Commissioner Bratti listens to keynote speaker, David Golden Jr.



Award Recipients from High Point Treatment Center and Individual Community Honorees, Michael Rebello and Michael Tatrow, accepted Citations from the State Delegation



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## CLIMATE RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER: MICHAEL CAHILL

Michael Cahill is the Town of Plymouth's Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Planner. In this role, Mike oversees all sustainability, energy, and resiliency efforts within Town municipal government and the Plymouth community. Having grown up in Plymouth, Mike attended PNHS, where he took an Oceanography course, leading to his interest in pursuing an Environmental Science degree at Endicott College.

With a focus on Fisheries and Ecology, Mr. Cahill interned during his sophomore year under the current Director of Energy and Environment, David Gould. After graduating in 2015, Mike began his career with the Town of Plymouth as a Natural Resources Warden, eventually becoming a Natural Resources Specialist.

In 2016, shortly after joining the Department of Energy and Environment (formerly Marine and Environmental), Mike began working on the Feasibility Study for Jenny Pond - the kickoff to a project that broke ground in 2024.

In 2022, the Select Board declared a climate emergency, leading to the creation of Mike's current role as the Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Planner. Utilizing a collaborative governance approach, over 40 community leaders participated to create Priority Plymouth which serves as the roadmap for town-wide climate resiliency and sustainability efforts for the next 10-15 years. Similarly, the Select Board's decision led to the formation of Plymouth's Climate Action Net Zero Committee (CANZ), and the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Created as an adaptable program to grow with the Town, the CAAP identifies 62 priority actions that fall into 5 areas of focus:

1. Buildings, Energy, and Infrastructure
2. Health Safety and Preparedness
3. Natural Systems
4. Transportation
5. Waste

All town-wide initiatives within the CAAP maximize the best scientific, social, and economic opportunities for the community including, but not limited to:

- Improved walkways
- Aesthetics & beautification of downtown Plymouth
- Access for pedestrians to downtown shops

### What Does the Future Hold?

Mike and his colleagues will follow the roadmap created within the CAAP to focus on opportunities to rebuild infrastructure that maximizes utility for Plymouth residents. Similarly, the Department of Energy and Environment will continue to work with clean tech startups to mitigate the effects of climate change. Through the annual Blue Future Conference, Mike has worked with 6 startups in the clean tech space, utilizing economic development as a mechanism for solving climate change.

### FUN FACT

- Adjunct Professor at Endicott College teaching Corporate Sustainability
- When not working, can be found golfing or playing baseball
- New dad!



## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

### ***The oldest wooden courthouse in the United States is located in Plymouth.***

The 1749 Courthouse is owned by the Town of Plymouth and is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The building was erected for use by Plymouth County as a colonial court in 1749. It was the seat of royal and provincial authority up until 1775, but also served a variety of other purposes.

Its lower level was used as the Town marketplace up until 1859 when the Police and Fire Departments began to use the space. The building served as a gathering place for important occasions, including being used as a morgue during the wreck of the Privateer General Arnold in 1778.

The building was purchased by the Town for \$2,000 and used as the Town House in 1820 following the construction of the 1820 Courthouse. The Town House was home to a wide range of Town Offices and functions, and was used at various times as a fire station, a school, a church, the Sexton's office, and a garage for the Town Hearse.

In 1953, the Town Offices were moved to the old high school on 11 Lincoln Street, and the building was left vacant for over a decade. The building was saved from potential demolition and heavily restored by the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority. In 1970, the building was reopened as a museum, which it still operates as today. The 1749 Courthouse Museum is a free museum which is open to the public from June to October.



The 1749 Courthouse Museum in Town Square is open for the season as of Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and will remain open daily until mid-October.

The Museum houses an eclectic collection of artifacts including a model of the National Monument to the Forefathers, Native American tools, a fire pumping wagon from 1828, and a hearse that was used by the Town. The second floor is home to a recreated colonial courtroom, with the space appearing as it did when the building was built in 1749.

There is no admission charge and groups are welcome. For further information, please call (508) 830-4075.



# FY26 GOVERNMENT & ELECTION CALENDAR

Below is a calendar of key dates throughout the fiscal year, including Annual Town Meetings, the annual election, and important budget deadlines. Stay informed and engaged by marking these dates on your calendar.

Plymouth Government and Election Calendar - Fiscal Year 2026	
Calendar Item	Date
Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Opens	Tuesday, July 29, 2025
Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Closes	Friday, August 8, 2025
Select Board Article Review	Tuesday, August 19, 2025 – Tuesday, September 2, 2025
A&F / COPC Article Review	Wednesday, August 20, 2025 – Wednesday, September 10, 2025
<u>Select Board Meeting</u> : Execute Fall ATM Warrant	Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Motions Meeting	Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Town Meeting Preview	Thursday, October 9, 2025
Post Fall ATM Warrant with Hybrid Certification	Saturday, October 11, 2025
<b>Fall Annual Town Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, October 18, 2025</b>
Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Opens	Tuesday, October 28, 2025
<u>Select Board Meeting</u> : Tax Classification Hearing	Tuesday November 18, 2025
<u>Select Board Meeting</u> : Town Manager's Budget Presentation to Select Board	Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Closes	Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Capital Improvements Committee Meeting	December (TBD)
Select Board Article Review	Tuesday, December 30, 2025 – Tuesday, February 17, 2026
<u>Select Board Meeting</u> : Review Budget	Tuesday, January 6, 2026
A&F / COPC Article Review (Spring ATM & STM)	Wednesday, January 7, 2026 – February 25, 2026
<u>Select Board Meeting</u> : JOINT BUDGET MEETING - Select Board, A&F, School Committee	Tuesday, January 13, 2026
<u>Select Board Meeting</u> : Execute Spring ATM Warrant	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Motions Meeting	Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Town Meeting Preview	Thursday, March 26, 2026
<b>Spring Annual Town Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, April 4, 2026 (TENTATIVE)</b>
<u>Select Board Meeting</u> : Execute Annual Town Election Warrant	Tuesday, April 21, 2026
<b>Annual Town Election</b>	<b>Saturday, May 16, 2026</b>

Key
Fall ATM
Spring ATM
Budget
Election



For more information regarding Town Meeting, along with a printable version of the above FY26 Government & Election calendar, please visit <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/957/Town-Meeting> or scan the following QR code.

