

Observer Corps Report



Select Board

Date and location: December 2, 2025, Great Hall, Town Hall

Members: David Golden, Chair; Richard Quintal, Vice Chair; Kevin Canty, Deb Iaquinto, Bill Keohan

Members absent: None

Guest speakers: See below

Summary of important agenda items including discussion, motions, votes, and relevant public comment:

- After a brief discussion about the proposed underground fuel tanks, the Select Board (SB) voted to postpone approval of an underground storage license at 2 Commerce Way. The project, a retail gas and diesel station, already had Planning Board and ZBA approval.
- All the proposed licenses were unanimously approved. See Agenda for details: https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_12022025-3154
- The Administrative Notes 1-3 and 5 and 6 were also unanimously approved. On item #4, a grant in the amount of \$9,600 to promote recycling, Mr. Keohan suggested that Michael Cahill and the Net Zero Committee be contacted regarding the grant. Following a brief discussion, Note#4 was approved 5-0.
- Town Moderator Steve Triffletti spoke about the Massachusetts Moderator's Association convention that discussed an initiative on civil discourse asking Moderators to bring it to their local towns, especially those with the town meeting form of government. With America's 250th Anniversary next year, he stated Plymouth was in a unique position to promote such an effort. In support, Mr. Keohan cited the Mayflower Compact and its "Civic Body Politic" language.
- There was no Public Comment
- Kevin Coughlin and Erin Yale updated the Select Board and the Town on Beth Israel Deaconess-Plymouth Hospital plans. Kevin spoke of the promise made to the Commonwealth by Beth Israel Lahey Health that 70% of the care would be at the local level rather than in the more expensive Boston setting. The expanded oncology and infusion center will be opening at Cordage park in the Spring of 2027; and the Emergency Department should be opening in October 2028. Mr. Canty mentioned that the hospital and the Town need to work together to provide affordable housing for healthcare workers and mentioned a current effort toward that end. Both parties agreed that closer cooperation would be beneficial.

- Jonathan Lanham, COO of Father Bill's Mainspring requested a letter of support from the Board for their application for State funding to build a resource center that would provide 30 emergency shelter beds and 16 units of permanent housing with wrap-around support services. The project, to be located on the First Baptist Church property, would change a seasonal overnight shelter into a year-round 24-hour facility. Mr. Lanham pointed out that the 16 units would count toward Plymouth's stock of affordable housing.
- A number of appointments were made to Town Committees:
 - James Buckley was appointed to a 3-yr. term on the Plymouth Airport Community Advisory Committee.
 - Kathryn Ann Morini was unanimously appointed to a 1-yr. term as an Alternate to the Board of Health
 - Lauren Davis was unanimously appointed to a 1-yr. term on the Cultural Council.
 - Jennifer Edwards was appointed to a 1-yr. term, Jeanette Kelly to a 2-yr. term, and Alice Baker to a 3-yr. term on the Memorials Advisory Committee.
 - Christopher Correa was appointed to a 2-yr. term on the Roads Advisory Committee, and Mr. Keohan volunteered and was appointed as the Select Board Designee to the committee.
- Mr. Brindisi mentioned that Lee Hartman, Plymouth's Director of Planning and Development, will be retiring December 5, 2025 after 37 years of service to Plymouth. The Board and audience applauded Mr. Hartmann's service.
- Silvio Genao, Assistant Town Manager, gave the Town Manager's Report as Mr. Brindisi had just returned from military duty. Mr. Genao reported that the Jenny Grist Mill project was moving along. Veterans Services will be donating 1,000 meals for the holidays, and the VFW is running a toy drive for children.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs:

Possible LWV action ideas and League person(s) contacted:

| Open Meeting Law (OML) concerns | Yes | No |
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| Meeting held in accessible location? | X | |
| Name cards identifying Members in place and readable by attendees? | X | |
| All speakers audible to all attendees? | X | |
| All visuals visible to all attendees or handouts available? | X | |
| Motion wording, motion maker names, and votes audible to all attendees? | X | |
| Minutes from previous meeting posted per OML? | | X* |
| Opportunity for public comment? | X | |

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| All attendees were courteous to each other? | X | |
| Executive Sessions were for one of 10 reasons per OML? | N/A | |

*Last minutes posted were from the October 21st meeting.

Comments related to above including any action taken:

Observer name and date: Lyle Lawrence, December 15, 2025

- Link to recording on [The Local Seen](#), if available.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pURKoMR5SR0>. Or
- <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3DpURKoMR5SR0&ved=2ahUKEwidi6rm8MCRAxU7EFkFHZ9LBqEQtwJ6BAgbEAI&usg=AOvVaw3ErIhpMonsLpGaJd4ZgRcM>
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- When the official minutes from this meeting have been approved, they will be available on the Town website at <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/agendacenter>