

Select Board

February 10, 2026 Great Hall Town Hall 26 Court Street, Plymouth MA 02360

All Members present: Chair David Golden, Vice-Chair Dick Quintal, Bill Keohan, Deb laquinto, Kevin Canty

Guest speakers, Administrative Assistant, Inspectors, other town employees: Assistant Town Manager Silvio Genao, Admin Asst Jade Anderton, Sen. Dylan Fernandes, Rep. Kathleen LaNatra, Rep. Michelle Badger, Plymouth Housing Authority (PHA) Dennis Sampson, PHA Nicole Long, PHA Lisa Riley, PHA Mary Ann Veiga, Wastewater Manager Doug Pinard, Patick Compton of Woodard & Curran, DPW James Downey, Asst HR Director Jody Walsh, Town Clerk Kelly McElreath, Town Engineer Richard Bosse.

Legislative Update: Sen. Fernandes, Rep. Badger & Rep. LaNatra provided updates on legislative actions impacting Plymouth, stressing their ongoing successful collaboration with each other and Town leadership. So far, roughly 20 legislative earmarks for Plymouth include \$1mil for various projects, \$3mil for roads & bridges, and \$800K in contract settlement budget for BID-Plymouth. Plymouth received a \$1.5mil seaport grant for State Pier renovation. The governor's preliminary budget increased funds to Plymouth, which was a surprise during a very challenging time. The state is working to mitigate the estimated losses of both health insurance for 300K people and food benefits for 100K people which are expected to result from \$600mil federal funding reductions.

The Senate is finalizing the legislatively approved Town takeover of some Dept of Conservation & Recreation (DRC) properties through long-term lease, is working on the Town Charter bill and will be taking up an environmental bond bill, as well as bills to reduce energy & housing costs and an economic development bond. Sen. Fernandes encouraged town leaders to consider how to plug specific benefits for Plymouth into these bills. He also suggested the Town pursue tourist ferry service to and from Boston. The House of Representatives has several Plymouth Home Rule measures in progress relative to Harbormaster Employees, Digital Legal Notices, Land Acquisition Revenue and establishing a Land Bank fund. Of particular importance to Plymouth is legislation to adjust the funding allocation formula & vendor costing around school transportation provided by the town.

Select Board asked delegation to push to revisit 40B, discussing the many challenges forced upon communities and their local boards and committees. The Board was encouraged to get the town to the 10% threshold to insulate from 40B actions, possibly by hiring housing coordinator. Board was asked to consider a residential tax exemption to help balance property tax burdens. The Board is concerned about federal funding volatility (freezes, claw-backs, etc.). The board will be added to

Rep. LaNatra’s Federal Funding Newsletter and were pointed to the Attorney General’s lawsuit dashboard and the state’s dashboard tracking funding cuts. The Board requested help from state delegation to resolve Memorial Hall issue.

Summary of important agenda items:

Joint Meeting with Plymouth Housing Authority

- Courtney Curran was appointed by majority vote to PHA.
- Mr. Compton presented an update on the GAP 3 Energy Grant to finish in-process Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) improvements. Expected gain of \$38K/year in reduced electrical costs & CO2 emissions to be reduced by 45.85 metric tons/year.

2026 Spring Town Meeting Article Review

- The Board unanimously approved 6 Articles to go to Town Meeting:
 - Article 6 – Mr. Pinard requested a budget increase of \$512K to cover chemical and sludge hauling & disposal cost increases, to be funded from the enterprise fund. He hopes to increase septage (majority of incoming material) revenues.
 - Article 17–Mr. Downey put forth this annual procedural article authorizing acceptance of funds from the Commonwealth for public road maintenance.
 - Article 5–Ms. Walsh requested funds to pay invoices received after FY25 close.
 - Article 22–Ms. McElreath requested funding to begin codifying Zoning Bylaws for searchability as is underway for the General Bylaws.
 - Article 24–Mr. Bosse requested \$192K (already approved) to fix conflicting access and deed issues at White Horse Cemetery. It was suggested a project to find and resolve similar discrepancies between Town Meeting approvals & recorded records would be worthwhile – it is a recurring problem.

Other Business (Town Manager’s Report, New Business, Letters, Old Business)

- Mr. Genao’s Town Manager’s Report focused on Water Street work and dealing with snow.
- Mr. Quintal wants to allocate \$100K to split between July 4th Committee and America’s Hometown Celebration in honor of the country’s 250th Anniversary. He has confirmed funding availability. Chair Golden agreed to add this and other 250th ideas discussed to a future agenda.
- The upcoming budget workshop has been moved to March 4 at 6pm in 1820 Court Room. It will be recorded for broadcast.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs: None

Open Meeting Law (OML) concerns	Yes	No
Meeting held in an accessible location?	X	
All speakers audible to all attendees?	X	

Observer Corps Report



Motion wording, motion maker names, and votes audible to all attendees?	X	
Minutes from previous meeting posted per OML?		X*
Executive Sessions were for one of 10 reasons per OML?		N/A

*No prior meeting minutes were approved, last posted minutes are from Nov 4, 2025

Observer name and date: Lisa Hamilton (remotely), 02/14/2026

- Recorded meeting is on The Local Seen at: [SB Feb 10 Meeting](#)
- Once approved official minutes will at <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/agendacenter>

Suggested Headline: Legislative Delegation Brings Select Board Up To Date