

Observer Corps Report



Select Board (SB)

Date and location: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Plymouth Town Hall

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

Summary of important agenda items which may include discussion, motions, votes, and relevant public comment:

- **No 'Vote by Mail' Reminders for this year's upcoming election will be sent. Vote by Mail forms will be available at Town Hall Clerk's Office. Kate Brown will arrange for meeting with Town Clerk to gain background and plan to compensate for this change.**
- **Open Meeting Law Training – 2/26 at 6pm in the Great Hall.**
- **Public Comment:** In anticipation of Art Deloges presentation on **Article 37, Citizen Petition for the Plymouth Community Trust By-Law**, Attorney Richard Sersky, Town Meeting Member, stated that the highest governing body in Plymouth is Town Meeting, clarifying the super precedence of a Town Meeting By-Law. See Below for full coverage of Article 37 Citizen's Petition.

Climate Action Net Zero Committee (CANZ): Two candidates applied for two vacant positions (one for January and another for June) on the committee. Neither appeared at the meeting. SB decision to readvertise for positions with expectation that they will appear at the SB meeting in person or via Zoom.

Article 35: Military Service presented by Chair Golden for support on behalf of 8 current qualified individuals, including himself. Adoption would grant 40 days of full pay by the town with general funds. **VOTE** - Unanimously passed for Town Meeting.

Article 36: Citizen's Petition: Billington Seaweed Treatment requests town funding for natural treatment to prevent invasive weeds. The last appropriation lasted seven years. **VOTE** - Unanimously passed for Town Meeting.

Article 37: Citizen's Petition for Plymouth Community Trust By-law

Art Desloges presented a brief evolution of the petition. He reported that all changes were made in deference to the Town Police and Selectboard policies supported by Select Board January 6, 2026 as well as conforming to Massachusetts State Law. Several LWV Members spoke in support of the petition, including Kate Butler who spoke on behalf of the League's support and sponsorship. Chair Golden took a position that Plymouth should follow all state and federal regulations on the topic of immigration. Mr. Quintal voiced his lack of support unless and until Police Chief fully supports the Article. **VOTE:** in support of motion - 3 members. Against - 2 members (Golden and Quintal).

New Business: Mr. Canty reported that he is working on language to delay future Town Meeting and local Election dates for review by Town Counsel in addition to amended language resulting from January 6th SB meeting. Mr. Quintal expressed his suggestion that a working committee be established for the 250th Anniversary. Mr. Keohan indicated he will be coordinating the various committees to reconstitute a dedicated wastewater committee in support of the Master Plan. Ms. laquinto requested that an update on E-Bike be scheduled on SB agenda for early March.

Open Meeting Law (OML) concerns	Yes	No
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 11/18
Opportunity for public comment?	X	
All attendees were courteous to each other?	X	
Executive Sessions were for one of 10 reasons per OML?	X	

Observer Name and Date: Kate Brown, February 20, 2026

- Link to recording on [The Local Seen](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lfxabNAgIc): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lfxabNAgIc>
- 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>