

Fiscal Forecasting Model & Land Acknowledgement Draw Attention

Select Board **April 7, 2026**

Plymouth Town Hall

Select Board Members were all present.

Brief Summary of Key Discussions (Refer to agenda [here](#).)

Executive Sessions – Two sessions, one before the open session and one after, involved collective bargaining strategy and a property disposition.

Public Comment – Two members of the public spoke against the land acknowledgement, and the daughter of recently approved memorial grantee provided context for the memorial request.

Cedarville Traffic Mitigation Project – Mr. Coyle updated project status, outlining anticipated timeline to get project onto a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Bill McNulty from Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) outlined the TIP process for context stating that the earliest the project could possibly be on TIP is 2029; currently the first open spot is 2032. He encouraged the Town to push forward with design reviews to get “shovel-ready”.

Revised Budget & 5-year Fiscal Forecast – Town Manager Brindisi reviewed a new budget timeline & fielded Board questions. Implementation requires Town Meeting approval and Bylaw & Charter changes, the latter requiring state legislative action. The State Delegation might be helpful in gaining MA Legislature’s approval & reducing their timeline. Finance Dir Lynne Barrett reviewed the Forecasting Model, using the balanced FY 2027 budget as baseline. The Board questioned some assumptions used; Barrett stressed the model allows playing out different revenue & expense scenarios. Current Indications are that hard fiscal decisions - including overrides - are unavoidable by 2030. Barrett stated the model presented is a high-level view; she intends to load underlying details to the model by summer. Board agreed to then develop specific strategies/plans to deal with coming fiscal challenges.

Non-Binding Ballot Question – Chair Golden presented a ballot question intended to gain insight into Plymouth’s willingness to consider nuclear utility usage at the Holtec property. Board members declined to take up the matter without more time for public education around the issue before putting it on the ballot. Board is open to pursuing the question, including forming a working group, but no action taken at this time.

Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe Update & State Recognition Event – After Mr. Brindisi provided details of the 4/30 recognition event, Chair Golden asked Mr. Keohan & Mr. Canty to co-read the proclamation. Mr. Keohan’s suggestion to move the event to 1820 Courtroom was agreeable to all and will be pursued.

Land Acknowledgement –Mr. Canty & Mr. Keohan put forward a statement to be read at the 4/30 event. It was positioned as a starting point for ongoing collaboration between the town and the tribe. Mr. Quintal stated he would not vote without Town Counsel’s opinion. Counsel was present, stated she had not reviewed the statement yet and committed to do so before next

Select Board meeting. Mr. Canty requested Counsel review the planned proclamation as well. Mr. Keohan stressed they only want to read the acknowledgement at the 4/30 ceremony, not to set town policy at this point. No action was taken; item was added to Select Board’s 4/21 meeting agenda.

Reconstitute Water Conservation Committee Proposal – Discussion included potential committee membership and this committee’s role relative to other water-focused town committees. Wastewater Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Hampton Watkins, Water Div Superintendent Pete Gordon, Wastewater Manager Doug Pinard, and Water & Wastewater Engineer Kendra Martin endorsed the proposal and cautioned against adding water quality to the committee’s mission. Mr. Keohan committed to working with staff to detail the committee’s scope. No Board action taken.

Freedom Memorial & Trail Issue Update – Open Space Committee Vice Chair Diane Peck and Cemetery & Crematory Superintendent Diane Maguire updated the Board about the compromise planned to mitigate trail disruption caused by the new cemetery’s location.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs: Water Conservation, Land Acknowledgement, Open Space, Nuclear Power

Open Meeting Law (OML) Concerns	Yes	No
Were all speakers audible to all attendees?	X	
Were motion wording, motion maker names, and votes audible to all attendees?	X	
Were minutes posted per OML?		X1
Was public recording permitted and announced?	X	
Was meeting’s public notice in accordance with OML requirements?		X2
If conducted, was Executive Sessions for one of 10 reasons per OML?	X	
X1 - Most recent minutes dated 12/30. X2 - Old Business/New Business/Letters section on agenda did not detail content.		

Public Meeting Best Practices	Yes	No
Was a name card for each Member in place and readable by attendees?	X	
Were visuals presented during the meeting visible to all attendees?	X	
Were all in attendance civil and courteous to each other?		X3
Did Members follow their published Policies and Procedures, if any?	X	
Was any conflict of interest disclosed per State Ethics Law or Plymouth By-Law?		N/A
Was there an opportunity for public comment as encouraged by Attorney General?	X4	
X3 - Mr. Quintal was testy with Mr. Canty & Mr. Keohan in a few exchanges. X4 – Chair Golden offered multiple opportunities for public comment throughout the meeting		

Observer Lisa Hamilton, April 10, 2026

- Link to recording on [The Local Seen](#), if available.

Observer Corps Report



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