

Chip Seal Preservation Approved for 2026 Roadway Program

Select Board

4/28/26

Town Hall, Great Hall

Board Members Present: David Golden, Kevin Canty, Richard Quintal, Deb Iaquinto, Bill Koehan. Others present: Admin Assistant Jade Anderton, Town Manager Derek Brindisi, Harbormaster Chad Hunter, Dir Public Works Bill Coyle, Asst Dir Public Works James Downey, Town Engineer Rick Bosse.

Executive Session: Two held in this meeting covering three items as indicated on agenda. Refer to agenda [here](#).

Brief Summary of Key Discussions:

Public Hearing. Board unanimously approved aquaculture, amplified music and malt & wine licenses, as well as four administrative notes.

Public Comment. Richard Serkey (Precinct 2) described known details of ex-Director of Food Services Patrick Van Cott’s food & equipment theft from Plymouth Public Schools. Serkey stated the plea agreement to be presented to the judge on May 14 is for 4-10 months in prison with an “undetermined amount” of restitution. Serkey asked why the theft was not caught by audit. He asked the Board to (1) write US Attorney to say the prison time is insufficient before May 14, (2) provide detailed statement of value of all stolen items to US Attorney before May 14, (3) ask US Attorney to place an attachment on Mr. Van Cott’s home for security against restitution.

Steve Leyden (Precinct 17) expressed support for chip sealing of roads in his neighborhood.

2026 Roadway Program – Mr. Coyle & Mr. Bosse updated Board that about 50 residential streets identified for either rubber chip seal preservation technique, reclamation or mill & overlay. Chip seal is 1/3 cost of mill & overlay. Residents have been notified of coming road surface actions, with most supportive. Previous issues with chip seal are expected to be avoided because targeted roads are less heavily traveled roads & application issues have been mitigated. Board voted to proceed with chip seal list with all but Quintal approving.

Trash Removal Model – Mr. Downey presented the context, history & options for going forward. Currently 11 trash companies operate about 42 trucks in Plymouth serving over 15,000 customers. The transfer station serves about 5,000 residents. Downey offered four options for handling trash removal in town, ranging from no change to various town contracts for curbside collection town-wide, with opt-in/opt-out considerations. Curbside collection had issues that caused it to be stopped in 2018 and would require additional detailed research prior to pursuit. Transfer station improvement was deemed most cost-neutral option. Everett Malaguti, Vice Chair of Recycling Committee, provided context behind transfer station subscription program, and some of the research and negotiation that has already taken place. Board directed Downey to pursue transfer station improvements & also to investigate trash hauling opportunities.

Town Manager’s Report – To date there were 1900 applications for mail in ballots. Town started sending ballots out today. May 7 starts Early Voting during Town Hall operating hours. Brindisi stated, in response to Serkey’s comments about the theft, that it’s a School Committee issue with the Select Board having no standing.

Mr Golden announced that, because of his candidacy for state office, he will not accept Select Board chairmanship next month if offered. He will continue to serve on Select Board and aid in leadership transition.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs Civic Engagement, Voter Services.

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?		X
Was public recording permitted and announced?	X	
If conducted, was Executive Sessions for one of 10 reasons per OML?	X	
▪ 3 Items Discussed in Executive Session; most recent minutes dated Jan 29, 2026		

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?	X	
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?	X	

Observer name and date:

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