

Despite Tensions, Select Board Advances On The Road Meetings, Teases Changes to Future Meeting Content & Scheduling, Fails to Clearly Put Economic Development Ideas Discussed on Future Agenda

Select Board May 26, 2026 Great Hall, Town Hall, Plymouth MA

Board Members present: Chair Deb Iaquinto, Vice-Chair Richard Quintal, Members David Golden, Kevin Canty & Bill Keohan; Others in attendance: Admin Asst Jade Anderton, Town Manager Derek Brindisi, Dir of Inspectional Services Jason Silva.

Brief Summary of Key Discussions - Topic details & support documentation made available with the meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

Executive Session was held on Nuclear Host Community Litigation & Approve Executive Session Minutes related to FRAGAL, Inc – Sandy’s Restaurant Lease Extension. Six Licenses for wine & malt or amplified music were unanimously approved as a group. Five Administrative Notes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment – Chair Iaquinto introduced use of electronic timer to be used by commenters as they self-monitor to keep within their time limits. Steve Lyden (Precinct 17) praised the 250th Committee’s and Distinguished Visitors Committee’s work, wanting to promote their upcoming events. Everett Malaguti (Precinct 2, Advisory & Finance Committee) recommended the Board look at the Revenue Committee’s work on additional revenue streams, citing taxing spent fuel rods as an example. He also wondered if Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Services in Lieu of Taxes (SILOT), and Grants in Lieu of Taxes (GILOT) programs could be applied to the Simes House, allowing a non-profit to provide the town a benefit in exchange for a portion of their taxes due.

Temporary Commercial Sign Policy & Temporary Commercial Sign Permit Fee – Mr. Silva presented new policy & fee structure to Board for approval. Currently temporary signage of any kind is prohibited, creating a need for a lot of enforcement by Inspection Services and dissatisfaction among town businesses. Members Golden, Canty & Keohan questioned Silva about the location limitations, fee structure, implications for the Historic District, and the collaborative nature of the policy’s development, with varied satisfaction with the answers. Silva said the goal is to make this method of advertising available to businesses in town while maintaining public access and safety compliance measures. The Board agreed with the desire to standardize temporary signage with cohesive configuration and placement, and with Silva’s assurance that businesses, internal legal staff and the Chamber of Commerce participated in drafting the policy. Policy requires a permit, at a fee of \$50, and surety bond, and that covered signage must be in front of the business. Both the Permit Policy & Permit Fee were approved, with only Golden voting no on each (desiring more complete presentation & legal staff present to answer specific legal questions).

Conservation Commission Appointment (to fill the unexpected vacancy only, annual appointments will be in June) – Four of the five applicants appeared before the Board to describe their qualifications & answer Board questions. Common themes included willingness to pursue MA Assoc. of Conservation Commission (MACC) certification, support for water protection, and increased adherence to “no touch”

and “no build” regulations. All applicants present indicated they would pursue appointment in June if not selected to fill the vacancy. Nicholas Bryant was appointed by a 3-2 Board vote.

On the Road Discussion – Iaquinto split the issue into 2 votes, one for continuing the On The Road SB meetings (passed unanimously) and the second vote for keeping the meetings on Tuesdays (passed with Golden & Quintal voting no). This discussion surfaced continuing tension on the Board, particularly between Canty & Quintal. Canty also teased possible future meeting changes around when administrative issues are handled and potentially increasing the number of Select Board meetings.

New Business/Old Business

- Canty asked Brindisi to follow up on the idea that, if the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) isn’t hearing Affordable Housing applications, CPC should move relative funds into the Affordable Housing Trust. Keohan thought the move should be considered for placement on the Warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting.
- Quintal voiced his intention to start a working group with staff and other stakeholders, to meet monthly to identify business acreage & zoning and do outreach to businesses. He said he’s already started talking to folks who would be part of the group. Iaquinto wants a Select Board workshop to develop an Economic Development plan with short and long term stated goals and actions. All on the Board agreed with the workshop idea; Quintal stated he would be moving forward with his working group idea. It was not clear if the Economic Development items discussed will be added to a future meeting agenda.
- Quintal believes Board needs a plan to deal with what he believes is inevitable fallout – particularly with the roads - from the 40B project in Shallow Ponds. Keohan requested to reserve an article for Fall Town Meeting to change the way roads are accepted. DPW Director will be at the June 30 Board meeting with answers to Canty’s previously submitted related questions.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs Conservation/Water; Affordable Housing

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 Session for one of 10 reasons per OML?	X	
*Agenda as posted did not detail content of New Business/Old business as required by OML, and the most current minutes posted were from Jan 29, 2026.		

Public Meeting Best Practices	Yes	No
Was a name card for each Member in place and readable by attendees?	X	

Observer Corps Report



Were visuals presented during the meeting visible to all attendees?		N/A
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	
**Quintal was unnecessarily combative toward Canty during On The Road discussion.		

Observer name and date: Lisa Hamilton, remotely 5.27.2026

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- Link to Plymouth Independent reporting [here](#), if applicable.
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