

Town Hall On The Road: Focused on North Plymouth Infrastructure & Schools

Select Board

July 21

Cold Spring Elementary School, Plymouth

Board Members present: Chair Deb Iaquinto, Vice-Chair Richard Quintal, Members David Golden, Kevin Canty and Bill Keohan. Others attending: Town Manager Derek Brindisi, (new) Town Communications Dir Taylor O’Neal, Senior Staff Assistant Jade Anderton, and Senior Staff Assistant Kenzy Philabaum.

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

Admin Notes – Board deferred the vote on note #2 to approve amendments to the Personnel Code, with unanswered questions about pay increases related to reclassifications, positions listed in the code that are no longer valid, and the impact of the HR study currently underway. Other notes approved.

Town Manager’s Report – North Plymouth - Mr. Brindisi provided status updates on issues submitted by the Precinct Chairs, the Steering Committee & residents:

- Infrastructure Planning Related to Approved Pulte Project – Improvements Pulte agreed to are all on hold until ZBA appeals litigation is resolved.
- Cherry St/Court St/Prince St Intersection Project & Cherry St Water Main Project – Year-long water main replacement starts this fall & coincides with Eversource’s replacing its main. Intersection work expected to start next summer.
- Hedge School/Cold Spring School Study – MA School Building Authority (MSBA) estimated 53% reimbursement. Now in design firm selection; multiple community meetings will follow. Plymouth School Building Committee meetings are also ongoing and can be viewed by the public.
- O Spooner St (Old North Plymouth Fire Station) – Now trying to get Phase 2 site assessment, to be followed by site remediation before the town can repurpose the building.
- Neighborhood Pedestrian Crossing Improvements – The DPW has added pedestrian crossing signs, painted crosswalks, and sidewalk improvements, with more to come.
- Sidewalk Clearing Maps for Snow Removal at Hedge School – The school added a sidewalk clearer.
- Playground Condition at Veteran’s Field – A consultant is developing an improvement plan. The process will include public meetings. Mr. Keohan asked Mr. Brindisi to ensure the park’s entrance is included in the plan, consider selling the Town’s easement there to help fund the work.

Public Comment, Question & Answer – Seven residents engaged Mr. Brindisi and the Board with questions and concerns, including:

- Residents stated Prince/Court/Cherry intersection improvements were funded long ago but not done, with no good explanation for why. Brindisi stated the money remains and will be applied. Residents are not confident work will be timely and raised concerns with safety at the intersection during the Pulte construction.
- Resident asked what protocols are in place for water main breaks during the Cherry Street main replacement? Brindisi explained the project will include a bypass to carry water during work.

- Residents said Court street was to get speed limit signs years ago, as delegated to the DPW, and it did not happen. Speeding reported as chronic and troublesome by residents wanting better enforcement and flashing lights at crosswalks. Residents also raised safety & sight-line issues at Hamilton/Standish and Savory/Court.
- Resident explained Pulte was supposed to replace the Prince street water main, but it was rejected. Asked what is the plan for Prince Street? Canty & Brindisi answered that the town capital improvement plans get periodically updated to stay in line with changing conditions, including replacing AC pipe that may run under part of the Pulte project.
- Resident observed storm water runoff on 3A near Pulte project, flowing into a stream and the harbor. Raised concerns about water pollution and violations of Clean Water Act.
- Resident described the difficulty of engaging the Hedge School's immigrant community in the Hedge-Cold Spring study with insufficient communication and language barriers.
- Residents say the Town is not aggressive or creative enough with our legislators to get 40B (Affordable Housing) law changed. Board Members stated the Real Estate lobby's influence in Beacon Hill favors the law as is, and that current Town Strategy is to get and stay in Safe Harbor, working with "friendly 40B's." Keohan asked if Town staff person dedicated to housing issues could explore leveraging 40R (Smart Growth Zoning).

New Business: Quintal asks Board to send letter to Kingston, Duxbury & other near towns to jointly get a hearing with all the relevant legislators on the 40B law. Keohan asks for an internal working group to develop the letter's language.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs

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?		N/A
Most recent posted minutes are from April 24, 2026; missing April 11, 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?		N/A
Were all in attendance civil and courteous to each other?	X	

Observer Corps Report



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: Lisa Hamilton (remote), July 21, 2026

- Link to recording on [The Local Seen](#).
- Link to Plymouth Independent related article about [Cold Spring-Hedge School](#).
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