

Civility Transgression & Road Acceptance Issue Persists

Select Board

July 28, 2026

1820 Court Room, Town Hall, Plymouth MA

Board Members and Others present: Chair Deb Iaquinto, Vice Chair Richard Quintel, Members David Golden, Kevin Canty and Bill Keohan. Others attending: PNHS Freshman Emma Dries, Town Labor and Employment Counsel Stacey Klein Verde, Town Treasurer/Collector Patrica Meachen, Fire Chief Nick Foley, 250th Commemoration Committee members Patrick Brown and Kathy Babini, Town Manager Derek Brindisi, 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](#).

Administrative Notes

The Board voted to accept unanimous Notes 1-7.

Note 8: The Board held a mini ceremony in support of the YMCA youth summer camp at Hedges Pond to honor Camp Clark's Centennial Year. Mr. Golden's young daughter ended the ceremony saying, "Thank You Camp Clark." The Board followed by unanimously proclaiming Saturday, August 1, 2026, Camp Clark Day and inviting everyone to Hedges Pond that day for free.

Note 9: Ms. Iaquinto reported that after two workshops the new Economic Development Strategy was finalized on July 22.

Motion to accept Notes 8 and 9 was supported unanimously.

Public Comment

Tim Shobbrook from Shallow Pond Estates related that the residents are very disappointed in the lack of progress working with the DPW regarding the 36 yr. attempt to settle their road acceptance concerns, especially since the DPW is still not agreeing to meet with the residents. Mr. Shobbrook delivered a 3-page packet to SB detailing a proposal to accept their roads for about \$30 thousand, maybe only \$5500, as opposed to the half million guesstimate mentioned recently by DPW Director.

Agenda Proper

Proposal: How Can We Utilize Stephens Field Year-Round? – Ms. Dries presented her comprehensive 8th grade slide show that included suggestions such providing lights on park sidewalks and playground 4-6pm weekdays and 4-8pm weekends, powered by solar panels, and ideas for fund raising. She inspired several compliments and invitations from Select Board (SB) members and Town Department employees to join various committees and meetings.

Approval of Dangerous Dog Hearing Officer Recommendations- Both SB members Canty and Quintal excused themselves. Att. Verde reviewed the process to date, which started with Plymouth Dog Officer involvement in Spring of 2025 and proceeded into July 2026 with many incidents of the dog biting people and the dog being quarantined twice. On July 26, 2026, the dog tried to bite a neighbor on his

property for the second time. Therefore, the Town went to court to get custody of the dog. Now the dog is in custody of the Town, where it is aggressive and “tiger-like”. Throughout this process the dog continued to be unlicensed and unvaccinated despite notices to the owner to comply with the law. And the owner is now involved in a criminal case with charges of using the dog as a weapon against a police officer. The recommendation of the dangerous dog hearing is that the dog be euthanized, since the dog was declared dangerous and the owner has not complied with the directive to get the dog vaccinated, get a license and muzzles the dog if off the owner’s property.

During Board discussion Mr. Golden talked about his love of dogs and his concern about the dog being a public health and safety risk to Plymouth citizens. Mr. Keohan questioned how he could make the difficult decision to support the Dog Hearing recommendation since he was not part of the Hearing where all the evidence was presented, and he wondered what other alternatives had been entertained.

Att. Verde explained that after a dog has been deemed dangerous, there is no possibility of the dog being removed from the Town, nor can it be placed with another family or the Humane Society.

Ms. Iaquinto also spoke of the dog being a public safety and health risk as well as the fact that the owner had been given many opportunities to rectify the situation but did not do so.

Mr. Golden moved to accept the hearing recommendations and voted yes as did Chair Iaquinto. Mr. Keohan voted No.

This agenda item concluded with an uncivil use of words: Mr. Keohan asked the Chair to ask Mr. Golden to repeat what he (Golden) just said to him. Mr. Golden said aloud “Coward”. Mr. Keohan replied that that was not all he (Golden) had said but that he had prefaced ‘coward’ with the ‘F word’.

Two Foreclosures: a Long Duck Pond Lot and a Wendy Lane Lot—Ms. Meachen’s first request was accepted unanimously.

Mr. Quintal explained that his recent communication with the owners of the second property resulted in them agreeing to ‘pay up’ the next day Wednesday, July 29 by 430pm. The Board agreed to ‘pull’ the Wendy Lane Lot from the agenda and put it back on the next agenda if the owners do not fulfill their new agreement.

Community Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP): Presentation for Public Comment—SB members praised Fire Chief Foley and Lead Project Manager Arianna Porter’s 6 phase comprehensive plan that also includes a Town CWPP website of homeowner resource information and interactive maps.

A question from Mr. Canty about the wisdom of letting wildfires in Plymouth occur and burn out rather than using preventives measures like scheduled burns was answered by Chief Foley as not a good idea for Plymouth because of the many structures throughout the town and decrease number of access roads in forest areas of Town. Mr. Keohan generated a discussion about wildfire prevention information for forest property owners seeking building permits.

SB members voiced support for the Plan and said they wished to help promote it any way they can.

Purple Heart Street Sign & Painted Crosswalk Request – Mr. Brown and Ms. Babini shared that the Town Ceremony will be 10am Friday August 7 at Memorial Hall; it will recognize two Red-White-Blue sidewalks: one in front of Memorial Hall and another between the Training Green and Nataniel Morton school as well as the placement of 4 more Purple Heart signs in Town. It was also mentioned that the Plymouth Liberty Trail details are on the Plymouth Town website.

Town Manager Report: Mr. Brindisi reported that after August 16 summer recreational staff will no longer be stationed at Fresh Pond in Manomet and Hedges Pond in Cedarville. Other summer closures will follow through Labor Day. He also reported updates from last week's SB meeting in North Plymouth: Eversource utility company and Plymouth DPW will meet monthly with the North Plymouth community about Capital Improvement projects such as starting the Cherry Street repairs earlier than initially reported and erecting more 30MPH Thickly Settled signs soon, followed by working with Police Department regarding traffic enforcement.

New/Old Business/Letters: Regarding Old business, Mr. Keohan asked why a meeting between Shallow Pond Estates residents and the DPW, that was recently discussed in an email chain, was never held. Mr. Canty and Ms. Iaquinto contributed that Town staff have not collected enough information yet and that the plan set at last week's SB meeting was to meet again August 4. Mr. Keohan remained concerned that the residents' request to meet with town staff was not being met.

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?	NA	
Comments: *Except for Mr. Golden's unrecognized by the Chair comment to Mr. Keohan. **The most recently posted minutes are 4/28 with 4/11 missing.		

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*

Observer Corps Report



Was any conflict of interest disclosed, per State Ethics Law or Plymouth By-Law?	X**	
Was there an opportunity for public comment as encouraged by the Attorney General?	X	
*Mr. Golden's undenied comment to Mr. Keohan, as reported above, was uncivil and unkind. ** Mr. Canty and Mr. Quintal recused themselves from the Dog Hearing Recommendation agenda item.		

Observer name and date: Martha Vautrain July 30, 2026

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