

Forty-five Minute Meeting!

Select Board

August 4, 2026

Great Hall, Town Hall, Plymouth, MA

Board Members and Others Present: Chair Deb Iaquinio, Vice Chair Richard Quintal, Members David Golden and Bill Keohan. Member Kevin Canty was unable to attend due to working with sister-city Shichigahama, Japan visitors. Town Clerk Kelly McElreath, Town Manager Derek Brendisi, Senior Staff Assistant Kenzy Philabaum.

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

Licenses

One Outdoor Amplified Music and two One Day Wine and Malt Licenses were granted unanimously as a group.

Administrative Notes

The Board voted unanimously to accept, as a group, Notes 1- 6.

Announcements

Chair Iaquinio announced that the Civil Conduct Policy item was pulled from tonight's agenda since Mr. Canty was unable to attend and Ms. Iaquinio wanted to have all members present for the discussion. It will be placed on the next meeting agenda for August 12, 2026.

The Shallow Pond Road Acceptance discussion was also pulled since an agreement was reached between the Town and residents, just before tonight's meeting, to place an Article on the Warrant for Fall Town Meeting. The wording will be ready for an agenda item and discussion at the August 12, 2026, meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Steven Lydon, member of the Visitors Service Committee congratulated all the people who helped make our sister-city visitors trip to Plymouth this year "outstanding".

Mr. John Josephson of Shallow Pond (SP) presented information that he thought was relevant to the Town's concern about high costs related to accepting SP roads. His title research at Registry of Deeds for his lot and others of the 180 total revealed that each property was properly surveyed and that the deeds do not include sidewalks or roadways. He estimated that two title researchers could gather the necessary information for as little as \$5-10 thousand dollars.

Mr. Walter Morrison, Chair of Conservation Commission (ConCom), requested that SB ask Town Meeting to allow two alternates to be appointed to the ConCom to avoid meetings that are unable to render a decision in matters brought before the Commission due to lack of a quorum at times that can result in automatic denials and continuances. Other nearby towns have 2 or 3 alternates.

Ms Michelle Christenson, Vice Chair of Comprehensive Wastewater Management Community Advisement Committee, announced that the committee would be holding meetings throughout Plymouth starting with a No. Plymouth meeting Thursday August 6 at PNHS at 6:30pm and a Cedarville area meeting for precincts 8,9,12,16,17 next Wednesday August 12 at PCIS at 6pm. Anyone in Town can attend any of the meetings, the remaining three of which have yet to be scheduled.

Agenda Proper

Special Municipal Employee (SME) Designations – Ms. McElreath requested that the Select Board approve the Historic Commission (HC) for SME designation to permit HC members Mr. Patrick Browne, Director of Plymouth Antiquarian Society, and Mr. William Fornaciari, self-employed architect, to continue serving and speak before the HC without fear of running afoul of State Ethic Laws.

The request was granted by unanimous vote.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Brindisi's report included notes such as: The Long Beach cross-over is still closed due to piping plover chicks that have yet to fledge, but he expects the crossover will open about August 14. Fall Youth sports program enrollment will start August 17th. The Training Green renovation bid was just awarded, with the expectation that construction will start near the end of summer. Plymouth Town Water Depart is monitoring our water system very carefully to prevent any cyber-attacks.

New/Old Business/Letters - none

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs - none

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*

Observer Corps Report



Was public recording permitted and announced?	X	
If conducted, was Executive Session for one of 10 reasons per OML?	NA	
Comments: *The most recently posted minutes are 5/19 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?		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	
Comments:		

Observer name and date: Martha Vautrain August 5, 2026

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