

Chair Announces New Rules for Meeting Conduct

Select Board

September 22, 2026

Great Hall, Town Hall

Board Members present: Chair Deb Iaquinto, Vice Chair Dick Quintal, Members Kevin Canty and Bill Keohan. Member David Golden was online. Town Manager Derek Brindisi, Asst Town Manager Lauren Lind and Exec Assistant Kenzi Philabaum.

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

Board Conduct – In response to recent press coverage of the Board Members' public animosity, Chair Iaquinto read a statement acknowledging member disagreements and strong feelings around issues they discuss and declaring that Members will no longer diminish other individuals during their discussions. They will be respectful of each other. She dictated these new rules for meetings:

- Members will not address each other directly, all comments will be addressed to the Chair.
- One person will speak at a time with no interruptions.
- Each member will be permitted to speak once on any issue under discussion before any member is given a second opportunity to speak.
- Questions and comments must be related to agenda items only.
- Repetitive discussion will be curtailed by the chair.
- Personal attacks, accusations about motive, and disparaging remarks about colleagues, staff or residents will not be tolerated.
- Respect & professionalism are expected regardless of whether they are in Executive Session or Open Meeting.

Licenses & Administrative Notes – 8 licenses & 6 admin notes approved; excepting the meeting minutes from 7/28, where Members Canty & Keohan disagreed about the language used. The Chair committed to listening to the meeting recording and coming to the next meeting with recommended changes.

Agenda Proper – There were no agenda items for this meeting.

Public Comment – No comments forthcoming.

Town Manager's Report – The Town is changing the format of the meeting agenda to get into compliance with OML, based on recommendations by KP Law. Changes will take effect next week. Town preparations for the coming storm were discussed; Mr. Quintal asked that flags be taken down and that the wastewater treatment area be opened for yard waste drop off. Taylor O'Neil, Communications Coordinator, distributed a memo to Town Meeting members regarding a presentation given on the unrecorded CPC restrictions and how decisioning and operations happen relative to them. Mr. Golden asked Mr. Brindisi to follow-up on the request for a crosswalk installation on 3A near Cape Cod Ave.

Executive Session – Board met in Executive Session on 4 separate matters including Nuclear Host Community Litigation, Northern Construction Service, Full Sail v Town of Plymouth and UAINE v Town of Plymouth. They did not return to open session after Executive Session.

Issues relevant to LWV position/programs Open Meeting Law

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	
Comments: *Latest posted minutes are from July 22.		

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: Lisa Hamilton, remote, Sept 22, 2026

- Follow this link to the meeting recording on [The Local Seen](#).
- This link will take you to relevant reporting in the Plymouth Independent - [Board Scolded by Chair](#).
- When the official minutes from this meeting have been approved, they will be available on the Town website at [Plymouth Agendas & Minutes Center](#).