

**Committee of Precinct Chairs
Minutes 9/11/2023
Great Hall, Plymouth Town Hall
Remote participation by Zoom meeting**

Present:

Precinct 1 Chris Pratt remote
Precinct 2 Matt Tavares Vice Chair
Precinct 3 Dale Webber
Precinct 4 Charlie Vautrain
Precinct 5 Kevin Lynch
Precinct 6 Bill Arienti
Precinct 7 David Golden remote
Precinct 8 Don Williams
Precinct 9 Kathryn Holmes Chair
Precinct 10 Alan Costello remote
Precinct 11 Frank O'Brien
Precinct 12 Pat Adelman Clerk
Precinct 13 Sue Wentworth remote
Precinct 14 Tom Begley remote
Precinct 15 Absent
Precinct 16 Absent
Precinct 17 Joe Hutchinson
Precinct 18 Carmen Lifrieri

Materials distributed for the meeting:

<https://robertsrules.com>
<https://plymouth-ma.gov/documentcenter/view/3847/fy24-plymouth-government-election-calendar-PDF>
handouts: Our Seniors COPC Presentation Michelle Bratti September 11,2023,
Center for Active Living brochure, The CAL FY 2023 Annual Report,
CALegram Newsletter September 2023,
<https://plymouth-ma.gov/957/Town-Meeting>,
Community Preservation Committee Presentation to the Finance and Advisory Committee
8/30/20
CPC 2023 Fall Town Meeting Briefing Book, Briefing Book Index.

7PM The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
A moment of silence was taken to remember the events of 9/11.

Kathryn asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Pratt motioned. Bill Arienti seconded.
The motion passed: All in favor.

Discussion on Roberts Rule of Order:

Bill Arienti motioned to accept Roberts Rule of Order. Chris Pratt seconded.
Steve Triffletti suggested that Roberts Rules of Order fits the COPC better
than Town Meeting Times. Frank O'Brien asked if adopting Roberts Rules
for COPC and having Town Meeting Times for Town Meeting would cause
confusion. Steve Triffletti also suggested that a parliamentarian be chosen.

Kathryn called for the vote.

All 15 present voted to accept Roberts Rules of Order. Precincts 4,15,and 16 were not present.

Bill Arienti motioned to nominate a parliamentarian at our next meeting.

Kevin Lynch seconded. The vote carried with all 15 present voting yes.

Precincts 4,15, and 16 were not present.

Chris Pratt suggested that there be an alternate.

Don Williams asked if anyone was interested in being a parliamentarian?

Bill Arienti said that he is interested.

Kevin Lynch stated interest if it was agreed to have more than one parliamentarian.

Fall Town Meeting Prep Moderator Steve Triffletti :

Steve announced that 2023 Fall Town Meeting would be hybrid.

He explained that a citizen can bring a motion to a Town Meeting Members but can not make a motion him/herself.

He emphasized the importance of informing the assistant moderator as soon as possible if you are going remote. A schedule of deadlines and town meeting related events was announced:

Motions Procedural Meeting - October 11, 2023 - 7:45 AM Shallop Room

Presentation & Preview Night - October 12, 2023 - 6 PM Great Hall

Motion Amendments Deadline (to be included in the Motions Document) Oct.19, 2023 - 11 AM

Town Meeting - October 21, 2023 - 8 AM Plymouth North High School

Adjourned Session, if necessary, - October 23, 2023 - 6 PM Plymouth North High School

Center for Active Living Presentation Michelle Bratti

Michelle gave a fact full report including the population of seniors, caretakers of seniors, senior caretakers of children, dementia statistics, and community services, and capacity at the CAL Center.

Articles 13 and 14 Diane Peck

Diane explained Article 12 to turn over tax title land within Morton Park to Parks and Forestry and Article 14 to turn over tax title land Off Valley Road and Off Shallow Pond to the Conservation Commission.

Article 15 Ken Stone

Ken gave a presentation on Article 15 to ban the sale of nip bottles.

Articles 9A to 9I Bill Keohan

Bill presented Art. 9A \$100,000 CPC grant for a Habitat for Humanity house.

9B \$381,525 for a grant to the Housing Authority for 3 units of affordable housing in the former Oak St School.

9C \$443,942 to the Plymouth Guild for restoration of the Russell Library.

9D \$3,200,000 for Pilgrim Hall for roof restoration.

9E \$175,000 for open space land off Rocky Pond Road.

9F \$1,210,00 for 23.6 acres at 280 Rocky Hill Road.

9G \$157,500 for demolition of buildings at Hedges Pond.

9H Reducing the borrowed amount for Stephens Field.

9I Funding the administration expenses for the CPC.

Kevin Canty relayed a message from Donna Curtain about dates for tours of Pilgrim Hall.

Legislative Oversight Update Alan Costello, Chair

Alan announced that the Legislative Oversight Committee met and elected officers.

The committee will meet again on Sept.25.

Minutes Pat Adelmann

Approval of the minutes was postponed.

By Law Review Subcommittee

Don Williams motioned to approve a By Law Review Committee. Seconded by Chris Pratt. All 15 present approved. Precincts 11,15, and 16 were not present.

Formation of Voter Turn Out Subcommittee

Kathryn stated there was a big concern about voter turnout. She asked if the committee would motion to form a subcommittee to increase voter turnout. Don Williams motioned. Seconded by Carmen LiFrieri.

Matt Tavares stated that although voter turn out is abysmal, there is a line between getting out the vote and pushing to get something through town meeting. David Golden agreed and stated that voter turn out does not fall in the Charter categories for creating subcommittees.

The vote was taken:

Precinct 1 Chris Pratt	Yes
Precinct 2 Matt Tavares	No
Precinct 3 Dale Webber	No
Precinct 4 Charlie Vautrain	Yes
Precinct 5 Kevin Lynch	No
Precinct 6 Bill Arienti	No
Precinct 7 David Golden	No
Precinct 8 don Williams	Yes
Precinct 9 Kathryn Holmes	Abstain
Precinct 10 Alan Costello	No
Precinct 11 Frank O Brien	No
Precinct 12 Pat Adelman	No
Precinct 13 Susan Wentworth	Yes
Precinct 14 Tom Begley	No
Precinct 15 Not Present	
Precinct 16 Not Present	
Precinct 17 Joe Hutchinson	Yes
Precinct 18 Carmen Lifrieri	Yes

9 No 6 Yes The motion does not carry.

Old and New Business:

Town Meeting Handbook Update- Kathryn is still waiting for volunteers.

Ethics Training- Every Town Meeting Member needs to take the training and send the documentation to the Town Clerk.

Charter Review Committee Update- David Golden, Chair- The committee formed in July. They will be reviewing each chapter in the Charter. The goal is to have a report for 2024 Fall Town Meeting.

Upcoming meetings - The Sept 21 meeting agenda is packed.

There is an article for administrative support for the Legislative Oversight Committee initiated by the Town Manager not Kathryn.

Public Comment

Pat Adelman recognized the service of Town Meeting Member Paul Hapgood, who recently passed away.

Alan Costello motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charlie Vautrain.

All 16 present approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM

Minutes approved on 10/19/2023

Submitted by Pat Adelman

